

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER TO WEITZ COMPANY FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$45,289 FOR ADDITIONAL SHEET PILING AS A RESULT OF POOR SOIL CONDITIONS FOR INTERMODAL FACILITY**

**BACKGROUND:** The Intermodal Facility construction project began in March 2011 and is progressing on-schedule to-date. Since beginning construction, change orders approved for unanticipated modifications are as follows:

Change Order #	Description	Amt.
1	Add Storm Sewer Manhole at 3L/C-101	\$3,089
2	VOID	
3	Water Main Connection, 8" Valve	\$2,581
4	Sanitary Structure SA01 Location	\$0
5	Additional Rubble Removal	\$1,502
	<b>Approved Change Orders</b>	<b>\$7,172</b>

Due to poor soil conditions where the large retaining wall is being built near College Creek, additional height is required for the sheet piling included in the original project scope. The not-to-exceed amount for this work (change order #11) is \$45,289, which combined with the previously approved change orders of \$7,172, provides a cumulative total of \$52,461. Under City of Ames Procurement Policies, change orders that exceed \$50,000 cumulatively, require City Council approval. The Intermodal Facility budget includes a construction contingency for change orders of \$483,300. The remaining balance, if change order #11 is approved, would be \$430,839.

Change orders 6 through 10 are still in process, and will be relatively minor in scope. These will be administratively approved as they are completed.

The contract Change Order #11, in the amount of \$45,289, was approved by the Transit Board of Trustees on July 20, 2011.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve change order #11 to Weitz Company for a not-to-exceed amount of \$45,289 for additional sheet piling as a result of poor soil conditions.
2. Do not approve change order #11 for additional sheet piling.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Expeditious approval of this contract change order will allow the Intermodal Facility project to move forward within its tight timeframes, and ensure the integrity of College Creek and the surrounding Intermodal Facility infrastructure. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving Change Order #11, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$45,289, to Weitz Company for additional costs due to unanticipated soil conditions.