



Date: July 9, 2019

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works
Subject: Contract Amendment to Contract SW-46D with Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. for Professional Services for Real Estate Acquisitions and Additional Design Services for SW-46D, Hillandale Road Sidewalk and Bicycle Facilities Project

Executive Summary

This contract amendment (Attachment A) is for additional design and real estate acquisition professional services for the federally funded SW-46D Hillandale Road Sidewalk and Bicycle Facilities project. At the time of the original contract, it was anticipated that City of Durham staff would be managing the real estate acquisition services for this project. Due to a heavy workload, City Real Estate staff are not able to provide this service and a consultant will make the acquisitions. Additional design services are required to address issues that were identified in the community involvement meetings.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 for SW-46D, Hillandale Road Sidewalk and Bicycle Facilities project (TIP# U-4726 HN) with Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$193,435.63; and authorize change orders to the contract so long as the total contract does not exceed \$650,558.40.

Background

The Public Works Department entered into a contract with Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. on May 15, 2017 for professional services for engineering, public involvement, environmental, and signal design for the construction of road improvements for approximately 1.1 miles of new sidewalk and multi-use trail along Hillandale Road from I-85 south to the Durham Freeway. This project is federally funded. The 2006 Durham Walks! Pedestrian Plan and Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan identified the need for this project. The original design contract was for \$457,122.77. This contract amendment will increase the total contract amount by \$193,435.61 (\$157,850.00 for real estate professional services, \$35,585.63 for design professional services) for a total of \$650,558.40. This amendment will provide the necessary services for real estate acquisition and design services to address required components (additional retaining walls, golf course landscaping, golf cart crossing traffic control, stormwater with associated surveying and coordination/meetings) that were added to the project following community involvement and the design process.

Issues/Analysis

Execution of this contract will allow the project design to proceed in a timely fashion. The design is scheduled to be complete by January of 2020, real estate acquisition to be complete by June 2021, and construction scheduled to begin in January 2022.

Alternatives

City Council can choose to not proceed with this contract and redirect the funding to other projects; however, the bike and pedestrian design contract will not be able to be completed and consequently the real estate acquisition will not be able to proceed.

Financial Impact

Funds for this project are budgeted for in the following CIP accounts:

CIP Transportation Federal-State Match:	3612LG00-731002-LCH85	\$193,435.63
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Equal Business Opportunity Summary

This is a federally-funded project that was not reviewed for compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting.

Attachments

Attachment A, Contract Amendment