



Date: August 1, 2022

To: Wanda S. Page, City Manager
Through: Bertha T. Johnson, Deputy City Manager
From: Jina B. Propst, Director, Department of General Services
Subject: Construction Services Contract with White Oak Construction Corp. of N.C. for the Chapel Hill Road Transit Corridor Improvement Project

Executive Summary

On June 14, 2022, four bids were opened for the Chapel Hill Road Transit Corridor Improvement project. The lowest, responsive, responsible bid was submitted by White Oak Construction Corp. of N.C. The base scope of work was bid at \$461,969, and the project scope will install a sidewalk along the west side of the Chapel Hill Road transit corridor. The project will also install new crosswalks and bus stop pads, as well as an improved intersection and pedestrian signal at Chapel Hill Road and West Lakewood Avenue.

Motion

To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with White Oak Construction Corp. of N.C. for the Chapel Hill Road Transit Corridor Improvement project in the amount of \$461,969;

To establish a contingency fund for the contract in the amount of \$55,500; and

To authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute change orders to the contract, provided the total project cost does not exceed \$517,469.

Background

The Chapel Hill Road Transit Corridor is the first Transit Emphasis Corridor sidewalk funded through the Transit Work Plan. Chapel Hill Road is one of four designated Transit Emphasis Corridors. The designation is due in part to the high bus ridership and 15-min frequency on this section of Route 10. This project will provide safe sidewalk connections to all bus stops, improved bus stop amenities, and safer street crossings.

In February 2019, Horvath Associates, PA. was selected through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to design improvements along the Chapel Hill Road transit corridor between Morehead Avenue and West Lakewood Avenue. The scope of work includes installation of a new sidewalk along the west side of Chapel Hill Road, as well as new crosswalks, bus stop pads and an improved intersection and pedestrian signal at Chapel Hill Road and West Lakewood Avenue.

A mid-block crossing was added early in the design phase after reviewing video of crossing behavior and traffic on this section of Chapel Hill Road, illuminating the overwhelming majority of bus riders and other pedestrians crossed the road in this area, rather than walking to the intersection at Lakewood.

Issues and Analysis

The Chapel Hill Road Transit Corridor Improvement construction project bid on June 14, 2022, and the bid results are as follows. No alternates were included in the bid. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2022 and be complete in March 2023.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
White Oak Construction Corp of NC	\$ 461,969.00
H&H Enterprises of Knightdale, LLC	\$ 547,350.00
Lanier Construction Company	\$ 758,688.20
Browe Construction Company	\$ 1,044,989.70

Alternatives

City Council could decide to not proceed with the project or reject the bids and require General Services to rebid.

Financial Impact

Funds for this project are currently budgeted and available as follows:

FUNDING SOURCES

FY 2022 Transit Funds	\$ 843,318.00
Total Revenues	\$ 843,318.00

PROJECT COSTS

Professional Services	\$ 61,000.00
Professional Services Contingencies	\$ 6,100.00
Property Acquisitions	\$ 72,500.00
<i>Construction</i>	<i>\$ 461,969.00</i>
<i>Construction Contingencies</i>	<i>\$ 55,500.00</i>
Owner Expenses	\$ 186,249.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 843,318.00

Equal Business Opportunity Summary

The Finance Department reviewed the bid submitted by White Oak Construction of New Hill, NC and have determined that they are in compliance with the Equal Business Opportunity Program Ordinance.

The goal for this project was MUBE 11%, and WUBE 7%. White Oak Construction exceeded the MUBE goal and met the WUBE goal.

UBE REQUIREMENTS

White Oak Construction will use the following HUB certified firms.

Firm	ID	City/State	Amount	% Of Contract
Cruz Concrete Experts	MUBE	Graham, NC	\$55,000	12%
Southern Garden	WUBE	Apex, NC	\$32,500	7%

White Oak Construction is a Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) firm

Contractor Workforce Diversity & Hiring Practices

According to the contractor’s responses to the “Contractor Workforce Diversity Questionnaire,” the contractor is a small employer (less than 50 employees) consisting of mostly professional/skilled workers. The contractor believes it has a diverse workforce because they have one female, and nine Hispanic employees out of a total of twelve employees.

Part A – Employee Diversity Breakdown Table for Primary Location

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Employment Category	Total Employees	Total Males	Total Females	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	Indian or Alaskan Native	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	Indian or Alaskan Native
Project Manger	1	1		1									
Professional	2	2				2							
Labor	7	7				7							
Clerical	2	1	1	1					1				
Totals	12	11	1	2		9			1				

Attachments

AIA A101-2017 Construction Contract
 Contractor Workforce Diversity Questionnaire
 Compliance Report