

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**
Date: **March 22, 2021**

Consultant Contract for Preliminary Engineering of Butler Avenue Trail Project 21-5

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 8, 2021 City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Dakota County and South St. Paul to perform outreach, a feasibility report, topographic survey and 30% design of a multi-use trail along Butler Avenue from Robert Street to Concord Boulevard. Dakota County has this trail gap ranked #7. Since it is such a high priority for the County, they were able to add additional funds to the \$30,000 Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant we received to get this project to 30% design.

Proposals were solicited from five different engineering firms and four firms submitted (SEH, Kimley-Horn, WSB and CBS Squared). Staff from Dakota County, South St. Paul and West St. Paul evaluated the proposals based on project understanding, technical evaluation, outreach, team, experience, hours and cost and recommend WSB be awarded the contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

Thanks to additional funding from Dakota County, the total budget for this project is \$147,647 which includes the \$30,000 SHIP grant and a contribution from each City of \$8,824. West St. Paul's funding for this project will come from the Sidewalk Fund. The contract amount for WSB is \$117,178.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract to WSB for engineering services for the Butler Avenue Trail Project, City Project 21-5 in the amount of \$117,178.