

Subject: Consultant Contract for Butler Avenue Trail Project, City Project 23-6

Meeting Date: February 27, 2023	
Submitted/Presented by/Department: Ross Beckwith/Engineering Department	
Action Type	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Direction
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Action/Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Action	
Approve a contract with WSB for design of the Butler Avenue Trail Project, City Project 23-6, in the amount of \$156,079.	
Background	
<p>This project will construct a multi-use trail along one side of Butler Avenue between Robert Street and Trunk Highway 52. The City received a Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant in 2021 to perform preliminary engineering of this project. As a result, a multi-use trail is proposed on the south side of Butler Avenue from Robert Street to Stassen Lane, and on the north side from Stassen Lane to Trunk Highway 52. This section of trail is part of the #7 High Priority Trail Gaps in Dakota County. It is also a priority in the City's Go West St. Paul Master Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.</p> <p>WSB performed preliminary engineering of this project, City Project 21-5 and staff has negotiated a contract for final design with WSB. Dakota County is planning to lead temporary and permanent easement acquisition in-house. However, we have asked WSB to include easement acquisition assistance in their proposal (Task 5) should the county's internal workload with other project exceed their capacity.</p> <p>An open house will be scheduled for April 2023, to re-kick off the project. An open house was previously held on July 22, 2021 as part of the preliminary engineering study. A public engagement study (in English and Spanish) was also circulated in summer 2021.</p> <p>As part of the April 2023 open house, Dakota County will be displaying proposed traffic control and pedestrian crossing changes at the Butler/Stassen intersection to collect feedback from the public. The proposed changes will show a pedestrian activated flashing beacon at the north/south crosswalk and removal of the Butler Avenue stop signs.</p> <p>The Butler Avenue Trail project is scheduled for 2025 construction. The City will be the lead agency for this project, as it was for CP 21-5. Next steps include:</p> <p>April 2023 - Open House #1</p>	

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<p>August 2023 - 90% design Fall 2023 - Open House #2 Fall 2023 through Summer 2024 - Easement Acquisition Fall 2024 - Bidding Summer 2025 - Construction</p>	
<p>Attachments</p>	
<p>Previous Relevant Actions</p> <p>At OCWS on 9/8/22, City Council directed staff to move forward with design and construction of the Butler Avenue Trail Project</p> <p>At the 3/22/21 City Council meeting, Council approved a consultant contract with WSB for preliminary design of the Butler Avenue Trail Project</p>	
<p>Alternatives</p>	
<p>Financial</p>	
<p>Budgeted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No Financial Impact</p>
<p>Fund: Trail and Sidewalk</p>	<p>The total contract amount with WSB is \$156,079, of which \$33,328 is designated for easement acquisition assistance. This project will be financed 85/15 between Dakota County and the City. The current CIP has \$300,000 allotted for the city share of design and construction.</p>
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