

Legislation Text

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Resolution Authorizing Award of the Downtown Greenway Phase 4 and A&Y Greenway Planning Study and Concept Plan Development Contract to Kimley-Horn, Inc.

Department: Engineering &Inspections Council District: 3,4

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PURPOSE:

Kimley-Horn, Inc., was selected to provide planning and engineering services for a greenway from Spring Garden Street to Markland Avenue. City Council approval of the professional services contract with Kimley-Horn, Inc., in the amount of \$274,825.53 is requested.

BACKGROUND:

With the development of two greenway projects, the A&Y Greenway and the Downtown Greenway, a large and important section is ready for planning and design. The A&Y Greenway, which now terminates at Markland Drive, will be extended to the edge of downtown and the Downtown Greenway at Hill Street on a route parallel to Battleground Avenue. The Downtown Greenway, which currently terminates at Spring Garden and Cedar Street, will be extended to meet the A&Y at Hill Street and connect to the Downtown Greenway Phase 3 on Smith Street, currently forecast for completion in December 2016. The A&Y and the Downtown Greenway Phase 4 will ultimately use the rail bed of the A&Y railroad which is no longer in service.

Three consulting firms submitted their qualifications and their proposed teams for consideration. The firms were solicited for their experience in greenway projects, their experience working with the City of Greensboro, and the variety of services that they provided in Greensboro in recent history, and their sensitivity to public participation. The proposals were reviewed and selection made with the participation of the Transportation and Engineering & Inspections Departments, Action Greensboro, and the MWBE Office. Kimley-Horn was selected on the strength of their greenway planning and design experience, their extensive work on roadway, stormwater and transportation engineering, and their use of local firms, including minority and women-owned firms.

Kimley-Horn's team includes anticipated participation of 14% MBE and 6% WBE (2% local) for the planning and feasibility study. Alta Planning+Design specializes in greenway, pedestrian and bicycle design features. New South Associates, a WBE in Greensboro, specializes in incorporating cultural resources in design projects. Juhan Waller, an MBE in Greensboro, will provide surveying and civil engineering services. Falcon Engineering, a WBE in Raleigh, will provide geotechnical services.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding for this contract is available in the following bond accounts:

\$83,112 441-6005-06.5410 2000 Bond Funds

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<u>\$191,714</u> 471-4502-18.5410 2008 Bond Funds \$274,826

Two budget adjustments are required in order to move funds into the appropriate accounts.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation and Engineering & Inspections Departments recommend and request award of the Downtown Greenway Phase 4 and A&Y Greenway Planning Study and Concept Plan Development Contract to Kimley-Horn, Inc and approval of the associated budget adjustments.