

Legislation Text

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Envision My Ride Implementation Study

Action:

- A. Approve a contract with Foursquare ITP for professional planning and design services related to the Route Restoration Planning Study, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

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Explanation

- In June 2022, CATS was awarded a competitive FTA grant for Route Restoration Planning.
- This grant-funded initiative seeks a community-based assessment to build upon Envision My Ride and the Bus Priority Study with special focus on micro-transit and mobility hub strategies to improve travel time and access for disadvantaged areas throughout Mecklenburg County.
- The Route Restoration Planning Study will:
 - Prioritize and define strategies to implement Envision My Ride recommendations of a robust, interconnected public transportation network that will combine high-frequency bus routes, expanded mobility hubs, and innovative, on-demand first-mile and last-mile connections,
 - Coordinate involvement of various communities throughout Mecklenburg County, especially transportation disadvantaged areas,
 - Create a more resilient and approachable transit network that addresses the realities of a post pandemic travel market,
 - Refine recommendations on locations and typologies of mobility hubs and micro-transit zones, and
 - Develop recommendations around funding, technology, capital infrastructure, and partnerships that will assist CATS in serving more households with improved travel and access to more opportunities.
- On March 13, 2023, the city issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ); one response was received.
- Foursquare was selected as the best qualified firm to meet the city's needs on the basis of demonstrated experience, project understanding, and project approach in response to the RFQ requirements.
- Estimated total expenditures are \$750,000.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Foursquare ITP is a certified DBE.

Established DBE Goal: 16.00%
Committed DBE Goal: 50.00%

Foursquare ITP (DBE) will serve as the prime consultant on the project and has exceeded the

established contracting goal and committed 50.00% of the total contract amount.

Fiscal Note

Funding: USDOT Route Restoration Planning Grant