

Legislation Text

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South End Pedestrian/Bicycle Connector Project

Action:

Approve a contract in the amount of \$283,075 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for planning services for the South End Pedestrian/Bicycle Connector Project.

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- Along the LYNX Blue Line, there is a distance of more than 3,100 feet between existing pedestrian/bicycle crossings at Tremont Avenue and Remount Road. The influx of residents and businesses in this area of South End has created a need for a safe pedestrian/bicycle crossing.
- This project will provide a new at-grade pedestrian/bicycle crossing of the tracks with protective crossing gates.
- Council approved funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 to be used for the design and construction of the pedestrian/bicycle crossing as part of the 2016 Community Investment Plan.
- The new crossing will be configured to allow future development of a possible light rail station in the same location.
- This contract provides planning services that include, but are not limited to:
 - Public involvement,
 - Data collection,
 - Alternatives analysis, and
 - Design parameters.
- On April 19, 2017, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ); three proposals were received from interested professional service providers.
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is the best qualified firm to meet the City's needs on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification of professional services in response to the RFQ requirements.

Charlotte Business INclusion

The City negotiates subcontracting participation after the proposal selection process (Part C: Section 2.1 (h) of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy). Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. has committed 15.96% (\$45,165) of the total contract amount to the following firms:

- Hinde Engineering, Inc. (SBE) (\$12,518) (utility coordination)
- CES Group Engineers, LLP (SBE) (WBE)(\$27,321) (survey and mapping)
- Boyle Consulting Engineers, PLLC (SBE) (\$5,326) (geotechnical investigations)

Fiscal Note

Funding: General Community Investment Plan

Attachment(s)

Map