

Legislation Text

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I-277 Pedestrian Bridge Design

Action:

- A. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve a contract up to \$1,200,000 with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. for design services for the I-277 Pedestrian Bridge, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute sponsorship agreements that commit private funds towards the completion of the project.**

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Explanation

- On June 11, 2018, City Council approved a public/private partnership agreement for the South End Rail Trail/I-277 Bridge located in Council District 1.
- Sponsorships provide a mechanism to secure private sector contributions to project funding. The terms of any sponsorship agreements will comply with the city's Sponsorship Policy, including as it applies to branding and naming rights.
- This project includes a pedestrian bridge across I-277 linking South End and Center City.
- The pedestrian bridge will be 650 feet long and provide a bicycle and pedestrian connection to the existing Rail Trail located along the LYNX Blue Line that, when complete, will provide a continuous route from Clanton Road to Uptown.
- The Rail Trail currently averages 2,000 daily users, with more than 500,000 pedestrians and bicyclists using the trail last year.
- On June 1, 2018, the city issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ); seven proposals were received.
- Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. is the firm best qualified 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 firm is selected for this services contract. (Part C: Section 2.1(h) of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy). Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. has identified the following certified firms to participate as the project scope is defined:

- Integra Architecture, PLLC (MBE) (architecture)
- CMW Design Strategies, PLLC (SBE) (landscape architecture)
- R.M. Rutherford & Associates, Inc. (SBE) (cost estimating)
- Airboat (SBE) (art and design)

Fiscal Note

Funding: General Community Investment Plan

Attachment(s)

Map