



Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
September 28, 2021 –4:00 PM
Zoom Meeting
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Chair, Bill Malinowski, Yvonne McBride and Jesica Mackey

OTHERS PRESENT: Chakisse Newton, Derrek Pugh, Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Lori Thomas, John Thompson, Michael Maloney, Allison Steele, Tamar Black, Justin Landy, Kyle Holsclaw, Aric Jensen, Ashiya Myers, Jennifer Wladischkin, Randy Pruitt, Stacey Hamm, Elizabeth McLean, Nathaniel Miller, Quinton Epps and Angela Weathersby

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. O. Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Regular Session: June 22nd, 2021:** Ms. McBride moved, second by Mr. O. Walker, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, McBride and O. Walker

Not Present: Livingston and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **PRESENTATION** – The Honorable Barry Walker, Mayor of Irmo, spoke regarding the Broad River Road Widening Project.

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to adopt the agenda as published.

In Favor: Malinowski, McBride, O. Walker and Mackey

Not Present: Livingston

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. **Clemson Rd. Sidewalk Phase 1 Contingency** – Mr. Maloney stated staff is requesting an additional 10% contingency in the amount of \$26,990, which will bring the project to \$323,880. He noted the project was designed by the PDT, and they have encountered issues with utilities that needed to be adjusted, manholes, and American with Disabilities Acts compliance led to the requested change order. Had these issues been identified by the engineer in the beginning, the price would have been included in the bid.

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Ms. McBride inquired if the project exceeded the 10% contingency plan.

Mr. Maloney responded in the affirmative.

Ms. McBride inquired if the unforeseen items is the reason they are going to a 20% contingency.

Mr. Maloney responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Malinowski noted the first contingency did not cover the project, so will the additional contingency suffice. He noted one of the unidentified issues was traffic signal junction boxes in the path of the sidewalks. He inquired how those were not identified in the plans for relocation.

Mr. Maloney responded the plans were made before his time, and were designed by PDT. He does not know why they were missed. He noted his staff has looked at the project, along with the contractor, and he has confidence in his staff and the people working on the project.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the sidewalks could be constructed around the boxes to eliminate the need for relocation.

Mr. Maloney responded it would require purchasing right-of-ways, cause further delays and additional costs.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the retaining wall requiring an additional 200 ft.

Mr. Maloney responded the design did not have ample retaining wall length to taper out the grades.

Mr. Malinowski inquired how the quantity of concrete was deemed insufficient. He inquired if the contractors gave them the wrong information.

Mr. Maloney responded the design was done by the PDT in 2017.

Mr. Malinowski noted the SCDOT required one of their approved contractors perform the work on the junction boxes. He inquired if the County has relocated junction boxes in the past, and if that was a requirement.

Ms. Steele responded it was not a standard junction box. SCDOT has a pre-qualified list of vendors they allow to do work on their traffic signals. The County's contractor is required to hire a subcontractor that is on SCDOT pre-qualified list.

Ms. McBride inquired if the sidewalk is in a community with houses and mailboxes.

Mr. Maloney responded it is not.

Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to approve an additional 10% contingency amount for this project. This will be an additional \$26,990, bringing the total contract amount to \$323,880.

In Favor: McBride, O. Walker and Mackey

Opposed: Malinowski

Not Present: Livingston

The vote in favor passed.

- b. **Dirt Rd Package L** – Mr. Maloney stated Dirt Road Package L is .71 miles in District 11. The package includes Dogwood Shores Lane, Lake Dogwood Circle and Wider Road. He noted staff recommends Palmetto Sitework Services in the amount of \$584,681.99

Mr. O Walker inquired if the recommended contractor is based in Richland County.

Mr. Maloney responded in the affirmative.

Mr. O. Walker noted Council previously stated quality is a big factor and they are not always moved by the lowest bidder. He inquired about the disparity in the bid from Palmetto Sitework Services and the other contractors.

Mr. Maloney responded he was not able to comment on the disparity of the bids. He noted Public Works contracts are usually awarded to the lowest bidder unless there are reasons to disqualify them.

Ms. McBride inquired if this project is using Transportation Penny funds.

Ms. Maloney responded in the affirmative.

Ms. McBride noted normally there is a 10% contingency, but this project has a 15% contingency. She inquired if in the future they should expect 15% contingency plans.

Mr. Maloney responded that would be their recommendation.

Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to approve the award of Dirt Road Package L to Palmetto Sitework Services in the amount of \$584,681.99, with a 15% contingency of \$87,702.29 for a total amount of \$672,384.28.

In Favor: Malinowski, McBride, O. Walker and Mackey

Not Present: Livingston

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Lower Richland Rescope – Mr. Maloney stated staff recommends rescoping the Lower Richland Boulevard Widening Project based on Alternative 3. He noted this is the last outstanding project that was awaiting the engineer's study. Alternative 3 is not exceed \$8.2M for the project. It will include widening the road to 5 lanes between Garners Ferry and the Sheriff's Substation, and 3 lanes between the Substation and Rabbit Run.

Ms. McBride inquired if all safety concerns were considered when deciding on which alternative to choose.

Mr. Maloney responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the cost difference between a roundabout and a regular intersection.

Mr. Maloney responded, in this case, it is \$100,000 less for a roundabout.

Mr. Malinowski noted, at the June 22nd meeting, there were questions posed regarding the projects that were de-scoped. In addition, it was requested they be reevaluated, so the projects could be done closer to the referendum amount. It was pointed out this project was ranked 14th out of the 17 projects.

Mr. Maloney responded, at the July meeting, Council approve the re-scoping.

Ms. Steele responded Public Works submitted a re-scoping plan in July, which included all the de-scoped projects, with the exception of this one. Council approved re-scoping Screaming Eagle/Percival Intersection Project, Broad River Road Widening Project and Shop Road Widening Project.

Mr. Malinowski inquired what the re-scoping entailed for those projects.

Ms. Steele responded Screaming Eagle/Percival Intersection Project was de-scoped to remove turning lanes off of Percival Road, and re-scoped to add the turning lanes back in. Broad River Road Widening was re-scoped to do the full 5-lane widening, and add some bike lanes and sidewalks. Shop Road was re-scoped to widening it to 5 lanes.

Ms. Mackey inquired if there is a 10% contingency in the price.

Mr. Maloney responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Mackey moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve staff's recommendation to re-scope Lower Richland Boulevard Widening Project, based on Alternative 3, not to exceed \$8.2M.

In Favor: Malinowski, McBride, O. Walker and Mackey

Not Present: Livingston

The vote in favor was unanimous

- c. **Mitigation Credit Sales – Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital** – Mr. Maloney stated this is the sale of 4.9 wetland mitigation credits, at \$20,000 per credit, yielding \$107,882.35. The County would return \$92,136.47 to the Transportation Penny account.

Mr. Malinowski inquired when the buyer get the Army Corps of Engineers approval.

Mr. Maloney responded he does not believe they have it. This is a part of the approval process.

Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the mitigation credit sales.

In Favor: Malinowski, McBride, O. Walker and Mackey.

Not Present: Mr. Livingston

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:34PM.

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