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CENTRAL STORES

TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager
FROM: Thomas Hartman, PE, Assistant Director of Public Works
DATE: March 28, 2017
RE: Project Update – Downtown Streetscape Phase III

Summary: The Public Works Department will provide an update on the status of the Downtown Streetscape Phase III project.

Background: The Downtown Streetscape Phase III project is located along North Main Street between Elizabeth Street and Wolfe Street. This project includes the reconstruction of the traffic signals at the Elizabeth Street/North Main Street and Wolfe Street/North Main Street intersections, installation of pedestrian facilities at the signals, and installation of a new brick paver sidewalk on both sides of North Main Street between Elizabeth Street and Wolfe Street.

In December of 2016 the Public Works Department solicited bids for this work and received 4 bids ranging from \$882,000 to \$1,352,000. All of the received bids exceeded both the engineers estimate and the available budget for this project. Public Works staff has reviewed the bids and feels that while the engineers estimate may be low, the bids received were outside of the acceptable range, and because of that Public Works rejected all bids.

Next steps for project include Public Works reevaluating the design and cost estimates, and in the fall applying for additional funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The TAP grant requires 20% matching funds from the City and Public Works has yet to determine the actual dollar amount needed. If the City is successful in the fall with the TAP grant those funds will be available in mid to late 2018, which means the Public Works Department would rebid and construct the project in the summer of 2019.

In the meantime the condition of the pavement and some sections of curb & gutter are in need of maintenance. This summer the Public Works Department plans to install conduits at the intersections of Elizabeth Street and Wolfe Street, make spot repairs to the curb & gutter along North Main Street, and repave North Main Street in this area. The conduits will be installed prior to the paving in order for these conduits to be in place when we construct the streetscape project and thus remove the need to cut into the new pavement.

Key Issues: None.

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: To be determined, based on the amount of the 20% match that will be required for the additional funding.

Prior Actions: None

Alternatives: None

Community Engagement: None

Recommendation: Staff recommends moving forward with the planned maintenance activities this summer, and reapplying for a TAP grant this fall.

Attachments: None

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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