

To: **Mayor and City Council**
 Through: **Nathan Burkett, City Manager**
 From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**
 Date: **May 10, 2021**

Consultant Contract for Oakdale Avenue Trail and Sidewalk Project 23-2

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 13, 2020, City Council accepted a \$30,000 Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant to study the feasibility of a trail and/or sidewalk on Oakdale Avenue between Wentworth Avenue and Butler Avenue. At that same meeting, City Council approved a contract with Kimley-Horn to complete said report. On February 24, 2020 at the Open Council Work Session (OCWS), the feasibility report findings and recommendation was presented. On March 10, 2020 the Park and Recreation Committee unanimously recommended the trail and sidewalk option. On March 23, 2020 at OCWS, City Council was in agreement with the sidewalk and trail recommendation as well. City staff applied for a Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation Grant in April of 2020 and was notified in January 2021 that it was selected for grant funding. On May 10, 2021, City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Dakota County, which identified cost sharing for this project.

Proposals for final design, right-of-way and construction administration (inspection, materials testing, surveying) were solicited from four different engineering firms and two firms submitted, Bolton & Menk and Kimley-Horn. Staff from Dakota County and West St. Paul evaluated the proposals based on project understanding, technical evaluation, team, federal aid experience, hours and cost and recommend Kimley-Horn be awarded the contract. Design will begin immediately, followed by a public open house and right of way negotiations. There are 46 estimated parcels identified for possible right of way needs. Construction is scheduled for 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total contract for Kimley-Horn is \$658,245, which included right of way services. Per the Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County, project funding is divided 85/15 between County/City. With the \$1,785,600 federal grant for construction, the County and City will split the remainder of the estimated cost 85/15 as shown below:

	Federal Grant	West St. Paul	Dakota County	Total
Oakdale Trail & Sidewalk Project	\$1,785,600	\$152,160	\$862,240	\$2,800,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract to Kimley-Horn for final design, right-of-way and construction administration of the Oakdale Avenue Trail and Sidewalk Project, City Project 23-2, for \$658,245.