

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Michael Smith, Public Works Director

**Date:** December 12, 2016

**Subject:** **Approval of a Design Contract for the Westside Connector**

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### **BACKGROUND**

The city has successfully secured a grant through the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to begin efforts to develop the Scoping and Concept Reports for the proposed Perimeter Center Parkway Access Ramp (Dunwoody's Westside Connector). This project is intended to relieve traffic at Ashford Dunwoody Road and I-285 by providing a direct connection from I-285 to Perimeter Center Parkway and the Central Perimeter area from the westbound exit ramp of I-285. The Scoping phase of the project will include public outreach, validation of the existing conceptual design, and coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).

Because the project includes federal funding the city is required to follow a qualifications based selection process and negotiate a fee with the highest ranked firm. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ-04) was released in October and five companies submitted responses to the RFQ. City staff evaluated each firm's understanding of the proposed scope of work, qualifications, experience, and the proposed methodology to provide a quality deliverable. Interviews were held with the top four teams and Wolverton and Associates's project team was determined to be the most qualified for this project.

### **FUNDING**

A Surface Transportation Program (STP) Urban grant in the amount of \$200,000 was awarded to the city for the scoping phase of the project. The City of Dunwoody has funds for the required \$50,000 local match in the capital budget.

An additional \$150,000 in city funds and a \$500,000 Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank grant have been allocated to design the project. However, staff is not proposing to commit these funds until the scoping phase is completed and the City Council provides additional authorization.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff respectfully requests that Council: (1) award Purchasing Contract RFQ 16-04 to Wolverton and Associates; (2) authorize staff to provide funding for the contract as outlined above; and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents following satisfactory review by legal counsel.

**RFQ 16-04**

**Design and Plan Development of Perimeter Center Parkway Access Ramp (Dunwoody's Westside Connector)**

	Average Qualifications-Based Score	Average Qualifications-Based Score	Total After Interview
AECOM	90	12	102
Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering	91	15	106
Kimley Horn	84	n/a	n/a
Moreland Altobelli	89	10	99
Wolverton & Associates	89	18	107