

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION ITEM

Item Number: BA2021-23

Meeting Date: November 16, 2020

Item Title: Award of Contract for East Lancaster Corridor
Transit-Oriented Development Plan

BACKGROUND

Trinity Metro received a grant through the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning 2019 Section 20005(b) to develop a comprehensive TOD plan for the East Lancaster Avenue corridor. The objectives of this comprehensive plan are to guide growth and economic development, enable residents, commuters, businesses and students to benefit from improved accessibility, and to create opportunities to repurpose under-utilized land currently serving single occupancy vehicles on a six lane highway. The future proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will serve as the nucleus for development. This East Lancaster Corridor TOD Plan will:

- Identify and establish the TOD goals that guide the project development and engineering processes of implementing BRT.
- Identify the opportunities for multimodal connections including transit, rideshare, bike and pedestrian facilities.
- Recommend other infrastructure needed near and adjacent the BRT stations such as sidewalks, curb ramps, bicycle lanes, crosswalks, beacons and other devices and facilities that would improve access and boost ridership.
- Identify land use opportunities, appropriate buffers and transitions, and recommend zoning regulations and development policies along the corridor
- Identify the infrastructure needs that are necessary for the city's investment to support transit-supportive development patterns and density such as water, sewer and other utility capacity, roadway capacity, sidewalk connectivity, streetscaping, traffic control and other city infrastructure responsibilities.
- Identify investment opportunities and recommend incentives designed to encourage maximum levels of private investment in order to offset public spending.

PROCUREMENT

In accordance with the Trinity Metro Procurement Policy, Request for Proposal 20-T058 (RFP) for East Lancaster Corridor Transit-Oriented Development Plan was issued on October 2, 2020. Three firms submitted a response to the RFP. Those firms included:

- Asakura Robinson
- Freese and Nichols
- Kimley-Horn

Evaluations were made for the proposals and presentations/interviews were conducted with the three proposing firms. After final evaluations, Kimley-Horn was determined to be the highest ranking proposer for selected award.

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The Trinity Metro Procurement Department has followed procurement policy with Request for Proposal and is in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and the Trinity Metro procurement requirements.

FINANCING

The Federal Transit Administration awarded Trinity Metro \$600,000.00 dollars with a required \$150,000.00 dollar local match. The City of Fort Worth has committed \$100,000.00 dollars toward the local match, leaving Trinity Metro to cover the remaining \$50,000.00 dollars. Funds are included in Trinity Metro's FY2021 Operating Budget through the permitted reassignment of approved funding levels from timing differences or project cost variations for operating expenses. Consequentially, approval of this Action Item should not result in a net modification of funding levels for operating expenses in FY2021.

DBE UTILIZATION

A DBE Goal of 30% was established for this solicitation. Kimley-Horn is committed to meeting the goal.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning, Operations, and Marketing Committee recommends the Trinity Metro Board of Directors authorize the President/Chief Executive Officer to enter into a two (2) year contract with Kimley-Horn for the East Lancaster Corridor Transit-Oriented Development Plan, in an amount of \$590,000.00 dollars plus a 15% (88,500.00 dollars) contingency for unforeseen expense, for a total not to exceed amount of \$678,500.00 dollars.

Disposition by Board of Directors

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Secretary Approval:

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