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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Date: September 10, 2026

Item Details

Presenter(s): Amir Nezarati, Transportation Engineering Manager

Department(s): Transportation and Infrastructure Development

Requested Motion

Motion to conditionally award the construction contract for the BL-0047 Downtown Safe Routes to School & Transit Connections Project to Hollins Construction Services, Inc., as the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$2,422,856.00, subject to concurrence by the North Carolina Department of Transportation; authorize a construction contingency of 10%, or \$242,285.60; and authorize the Town Manager, or their designee, to execute the contract and related documents on behalf of the Town.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

The BL-0047 Downtown Safe Routes to School & Transit Connections Project will construct pedestrian and multimodal improvements at several locations in and around Downtown Apex. Improvements include new sidewalk and sidepath connections, curb and gutter, associated drainage and utility work, and upgrades to pedestrian crossings and traffic signal infrastructure.

The construction contract includes approximately 5,350 linear feet of five-foot concrete sidewalk, approximately 820 linear feet of ten-foot asphalt sidepath, and improvements to signalized pedestrian crossings. Work will occur along portions of Apex Peakway, Hillcrest Road, Cash Street, Pate Street, Hunter Street, and Ambergate Station, including pedestrian crossing improvements at North Salem Street and Hunter Street.

The project is being delivered through the Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) and currently includes federal funding based on an 80% federal/20% local cost share for eligible right-of-way, utility relocation, and construction expenses. Current programmed project funding totals \$1,744,196, consisting of approximately \$1,395,356 in federal funds and \$348,840 in local matching funds.

Current Funding Table:

	Amount
Current Funding Amount	\$1,744,196
Federal Funds (80%)	\$1,395,356
Local Match (20%)	\$348,840

Sealed construction bids were received and opened on August 13, 2026. Hollins Construction Services, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible, responsive bid in the amount of \$2,422,856.00. The bid exceeds the Engineer's Estimate of \$2,027,078.93 by approximately \$395,777, or 19.5%. The next-lowest bid was submitted by Fred Smith Company in the amount of \$2,662,169.50.

The overall project funding requirement is currently estimated at approximately \$3.519 million. This amount includes right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction contingency, material testing, the CSX agreement, and NCDOT review charges. Higher fuel, labor, overhead, and other construction costs, together with inflation since the project was originally estimated, have increased the overall project cost.

To offset a portion of the increased construction cost, staff has submitted a request to CAMPO for supplemental federal funding. If approved, the supplemental funding could reimburse up to 50% of the remaining eligible project costs, up to the maximum amount awarded.

Supplemental Funding Table:

	Amount
Total Funding Needed (Right of Way, Construction, Contingencies, Material Testing, CSX Agreement & NCDOT Review Charges)	\$3,518,660
Current Funding Amount	\$1,744,196
Estimated Remaining Costs	\$1,774,464
Additional Federal Funds (50%)	\$887,232
Local Match (50%)	\$887,232

If CAMPO approves the supplemental funding request at the anticipated level, the Town's total estimated local contribution to the project would be approximately \$1,236,072. If supplemental funding is not awarded, the Town's estimated contribution would increase to approximately \$2,123,304. Existing funding within the Transportation Improvements Project Fund is sufficient to proceed with the project even if the supplemental funding request is not approved.

Staff recommends conditional award of the construction contract to Hollins Construction Services, Inc., as the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. Following Council approval, staff will submit the bid information to NCDOT for concurrence. Contract execution will occur following receipt of the required NCDOT concurrence.

Following issuance of the Notice to Proceed, the contractor will have 330 calendar days to complete the project, subject to the terms and schedule requirements contained in the Contract Documents.

Attachments

- CN7-A1: Construction Contract - Hollins Construction Services, Inc. - Downtown Safe Routes to School and Transit Connections (BL-0047)
- CN7-A2: Bid Tabulation - Hollins Construction Services, Inc. - Downtown Safe Routes to School and Transit Connections (BL-0047)

