

NORTH CAROLINA

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT –  
MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH BETTERMENTS**

WAKE COUNTY

DATE: 9/4/2019

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

TIP #: R-2721A

AND

WBS Elements: 37673.3.TA2

TOWN OF APEX

THIS MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT is made and entered into on the last date executed below, by and between the North Carolina Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the “Department” and the Town of Apex, a local government entity, hereinafter referred to as the “Municipality”.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Department has plans to make certain street and highway constructions and improvements within the Municipality to be included in Design Build Project R-2721A in Wake County; and,

WHEREAS, the Department and the Municipality have agreed that the municipal limits, as of the date of the awarding of the contract for the construction of the above-mentioned project, are to be used in determining the duties, responsibilities, rights and legal obligations of the parties hereto for the purposes of this Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made under the authority granted to the Department by the North Carolina General Assembly, including but not limited to, the following legislation: General Statutes of North Carolina (NCGS), Section 136-66.1, Section 160A-296 and 297, Section 136-18, and Section 20-169, to participate in the planning and construction of a Project approved by the Board of Transportation for the safe and efficient utilization of transportation systems for the public good; and,

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement have approved the construction of said Project with cost participation and responsibilities for the Project as hereinafter set out.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, each in consideration of the promises and undertakings of the other as herein provided, do hereby covenant and agree, each with the other, as follows:

## **SCOPE OF THE PROJECT**

1. The Project consists of constructing NC 540 from NC 55 bypass to east of SR 1152 (Holly Springs Road) on a new location in Apex.
2. At the request of the Municipality, Betterments will be included: the construction of 5' sidewalk along the east side of -Y2- (East Williams St); the construction of 5' sidewalk along the north side of -Y3- (Sunset Lake Rd), an 8' sidewalk along the north side of the bridge on -Y3-, and the inclusion of wide outside lane on the bridge; and lengthening of the mainline NC 540 bridges over Middle Creek and the paving of a concrete trail under the bridge per the project RFP.

## **PLANNING AND DESIGN**

3. The Department shall prepare the environmental and/or planning document, and obtain any environmental permits needed to construct the Project, and prepare the Project plans and specifications needed to construct the Project. All work shall be done in accordance with departmental standards, specifications, policies and procedures.

## **RIGHT OF WAY**

4. The Department shall be responsible for acquiring any needed right of way required for the Project. Acquisition of right of way shall be accomplished in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the North Carolina Right of Way Manual.
5. It is understood by both parties that all work for the betterments shall be performed within the existing right of way. However, should it become necessary, the Municipality, at no expense or liability whatsoever to the Department, shall provide any needed right of way and or construction easements for the construction of the betterments, and remove from said rights of way all obstructions and encroachments of any kind or character. Acquisition of any needed right of way shall be performed in accordance with the following state and federal policies and procedures, "Right of Way Acquisition Policy and Land Acquisition Policy, contained in the Federal-Aid Policy Guide, Part 712, Subpart B", and the North Carolina Right of Way Manual (Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970). The Department shall be indemnified and held harmless from any and all damages and claims for damages associated with the acquisition of any construction easements and/or right of way.

## **UTILITIES**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

6. The Municipality shall be responsible for the relocation and adjustment of all municipally-owned utilities in conflict with the Project and shall exercise any rights that it may have under any franchise to effect all necessary changes, adjustments, and relocations of communications and electric power lines; underground cables, gas lines, and, and other pipelines or conduits; or any privately- or publicly-owned utilities. If applicable, the Department will reimburse the Municipality in accordance with NCGS 136-27.1. A separate utility agreement may be prepared to address these costs and payment terms.

### **UTILITY RELOCATION BY DEPARTMENT**

7. If the Municipality requests the Department to include the relocation and/or adjustment of municipally owned utilities in its construction contract provisions, and the Department agrees, then a separate utility agreement will be prepared to state the cost estimate and the reimbursement terms. The Municipality shall reimburse the Department all or a portion of the costs associated with said relocation, in accordance with NCGS 136-27.1. Reimbursement will be based on final project plans and actual costs of relocation.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

8. The Project Construction contract will be executed as a Lump Sum contract with no breakdown of construction quantities and associated costs. The Municipality shall pay \$513,235 for the Betterments described in section 2. Both parties understand that there will be no adjustment to this Lump Sum amount. The Municipality shall participate in the Betterment cost as follows:
  - A. Reimbursement to the Department shall be made in one final payment within sixty days of invoicing by the Department. A late payment penalty and interest shall be charged on any unpaid balance due in accordance with NCGS § 147-86.23.
  - B. In the event the Municipality fails for any reason to pay the Department in accordance with the provisions for payment herein above provided, NCGS § 136-41.3 authorizes the Department to withhold so much of the Municipality's share of funds allocated to said Municipality by NCGS § 136-41.1 until such time as the Department has received payment in full under the reimbursement terms set forth in this Agreement.

## **MAINTENANCE**

9. Upon completion of the Project:
  - A. The Department shall be responsible for all traffic operating controls and devices which shall be established, enforced, and installed and maintained in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes, the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, the latest edition of the "Policy on Street and Driveway Access to North Carolina Highways", and departmental criteria.
  - B. The improvement(s) shall be a part of the State Highway System and owned and maintained by the Department.
10. The Municipality, at no expense to the Department, shall assume all maintenance responsibilities for the Betterments and release the Department from all liability relating to such maintenance.

## **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

11. It is the policy of the Department not to enter into any agreement with another party that has been debarred by any government agency (Federal or State). The Municipality certifies, by signature of this agreement, that neither it nor its agents or contractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal or State Department or Agency.
12. To the extent authorized by state and federal claims statutes, each party shall be responsible for its respective actions under the terms of this agreement and save harmless the other party from any claims arising as a result of such actions.
13. All terms of this Agreement are subject to available departmental funding and fiscal constraints.
14. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and there are no understandings or agreements, verbal or otherwise, regarding this Agreement except as expressly set forth herein.
15. The parties hereby acknowledge that the individual executing the Agreement on their behalf is authorized to execute this Agreement on their behalf and to bind the respective entities to the terms contained herein and that he has read this Agreement, conferred with his attorney, and fully understands its contents.

16. A copy or facsimile copy of the signature of any party shall be deemed an original with each fully executed copy of the Agreement as binding as an original, and the parties agree that this Agreement can be executed in counterparts, as duplicate originals, with facsimile signatures sufficient to evidence an agreement to be bound by the terms of the Agreement.

17. By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and N.C. G.S. § 133-32, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor ( i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor's Cabinet Agencies (i.e., Administration, Commerce, Environmental Quality, Health and Human Services, Information Technology, Military and Veterans Affairs, Natural and Cultural Resources, Public Safety, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor).

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED upon that the approval of the Project by the Department is subject to the conditions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed, in duplicate, the day and year heretofore set out, on the part of the Department and the Municipality by authority duly given.

L.S. ATTEST: TOWN OF APEX

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

N.C.G.S. § 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

Approved by the Town of Apex as attested to by the signature of \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_(Date)

This Agreement has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

(SEAL)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FINANCE OFFICER)

Federal Tax Identification Number  
\_\_\_\_\_

Remittance Address:  
Town of Apex  
\_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(CHIEF ENGINEER)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION ITEM O: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)