



Commission Meeting

Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

Willis Foreman Road Improvements Project

(Deans Bridge Rd. to Peach Orchard Rd)

Right of Way Acquisition

GDOT PI # 0013703

File Reference: 23 – 014(A)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
Caption:	Approve funding in the amount of \$1,283,905.00 for Atlas Technical Consultants LLC (Atlas) Supplemental Agreement #1 for Task Order Two (TO2) for Willis Foreman Road Improvements Project Right of Way Acquisition under On-Call Property Appraisal and Acquisition for Augusta Engineering contract. Requested by Engineering. RFP 22-147 – 23ENG146
Background:	Willis Foreman Road project is listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Willis Foreman Road is a two-way rural collector with a total of two through lanes. The proposed project provides connectivity between two urban major arterials (US 1 and US 25). The purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow and public safety and minimize traffic congestion by increasing the capacity and providing improvements along Willis Foreman Road between SR4/US1 and SR121/US25. Project Improvements concept includes widening to three lanes roadway section and turn lanes as needed, widening the bridge over Spirit Creek (if needed), major intersection improvements and adding curb and gutter, sidewalks and streetlights The project is included in Augusta Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) as funded by federal funds with 20% local match.
Analysis:	GDOT issued the Project ROW Acquisition NTP on May 15, 2023 and set schedule for its completion. 240 parcels needs to be appraised and needed right of way / easements acquired. Since federal funds are involved, right of acquisition must be performed by GDOT prequalified consultant in this classification. Atlas is GDOT prequalified and under contract providing these services to Augusta Engineering for Willis Foreman project under RFP 22-147 Task Order One (TO1). Task Order Two (TO2) is a supplemental agreement for continuity of TO1. TO2 is needed for completion of required

right of way/easements. Timely completion of right of way phase is critical to retain project federal construction funds.

Financial Impact: Funds in amount of \$1,283,905 available in project federal funds (Y230 funds).

Alternatives: Do not approve and abandon the project.

Recommendation: Approve funding in the amount of \$1,283,905.00 for Atlas Technical Consultants LLC (Atlas) Task Order Two (TO2) for Willis Foreman Road Improvements Project Right of Way Acquisition under On-Call Property Appraisal and Acquisition for Augusta Engineering contract. Requested by Engineering. RFP 22-147

Funds are available in the following accounts: (\$1,283,905.00) 340-041110-52.12115 / TP1809005-52.12115 - Willis Foreman Federal ROW Funds (Y230 Funds)

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APPROVED BY: HM/SR