



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: October 29, 2024

Item Title: Discussion regarding Department of Transportation (DOT) grant for Tower Drive street project

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The City has received a DOT grant (STP-Urban Pavement Replacement) for Tower Drive from Hamilton Street to Faith Drive. The current schedule is planning and design in 2025 with construction in 2026. Earlier this year, city staff reviewed design service proposals and made a recommendation to the DOT. The DNR has been in negotiation with this firm to award a contract for design services.

The current design contract cost is coming in at 155,644 which is over the estimated cost of \$87,000. The City of Columbus would be responsible for \$86,044 instead of \$17,400.

It is my recommendation that we move forward with the current effort and once under contract request additional funding support from the DOT, however, there is no guarantee of additional available funds. The benefit of repaving this street, estimated at \$700,000 allows the city to move forward with other street repair projects with a majority of this project grant funded.

The additional funding needed can be resolved in shifting capital projects (i.e. Fiber Network buildout), future borrowing, and/or use of contingency.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

n/a

Action Requested of Council:

Direct staff to inform the DOT that we are comfortable with the additional needed funds for the design contract.