



Town of Johnstown

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE:	December 19, 2022
SUBJECT:	Contract with L4 Environmental for Construction of the Little Thompson River Trail
ACTION PROPOSED:	Consider a Contract with L4 Environmental
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Site Map2. Engineer's Estimate3. Bid Sheet
PRESENTED BY:	Troy White, Public Works Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

The Town of Johnstown, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), will construct a pedestrian trail along the Little Thompson River. The project area is bounded by County Road 19 on the east, County Road 46 ½ on the south, vacant, undisturbed land on the west, and the Little Thompson River to the north. The action area is characterized as uplands dominated by active and fallow agricultural land and by the drainage corridor along the Little Thompson River, including a narrow riparian vegetation community. A majority of the uplands and portions of the wetland and riparian vegetation community are dominated by non-native species. The proposed trail would be largely constructed within upland areas with no impacts on waters, wetlands, riparian vegetation communities, or native animal habitat in the area. The proposed trail would be constructed outside of riparian vegetation with a fence installed parallel to the trail to discourage human encroachment into suitable Preble's meadow jumping mouse habitat. There will be an approximate 5-foot buffer between riparian habitat and the trail.

The project bid was issued on November 17, 2022 and closed on December 8, 2022. L4 Environmental was the low bidder with the amount of \$679,376.29. A copy of both the engineer's estimate and the bid tab sheet is included with this correspondence. The Town is currently in development of the final contract documents. Staff is expecting to release the Notice to Proceed on January 5, 2023 subject to authorization to award from CDOT and is asking Council to authorize the Town Manager to sign the final contract. The Project must be complete by May 1, 2023, to avoid disrupting the Preble Mouse Habitat. Therefore, time is of the essence.

Due to the Preble Mouse habitat, the Town will be responsible for the following:

- The Town will inspect the trail fencing on a monthly basis to verify that the fencing and signs are in place and is functioning as intended to prevent access to the PMJM habitat.

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- Repair or maintenance work that is expected to create high levels of noise only be performed in the PMJM inactive period (October 15 to May 1).

Funding for the project is supported by a Federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant in the amount of \$250,000. From this grant amount, \$94,444 was allocated to assist with design of the project and the remaining balance of \$155,556 will be utilized for construction purposes. Also awarded was the construction management contract last month in the amount of \$79,785. No grant dollars are allocated for the construction management scope of work. The total amount budgeted for this project in FY 2023 is \$850,000.

LEGAL ADVICE:

Legal will review the final contract.

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

The funding for the project is included in the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends approval of a Contract with L4 Environmental in the amount of \$679,376.29 and requests authorization for the Town Manager to sign the final contract upon concurrence from CDOT authorizing the award.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

For Approval

I move to approve the contract with L4 Environmental in the amount of \$679,376.29 and authorize the Town Manager to sign and award the final contract. The award is subject to authorization and concurrence to award by the Colorado Department of Transportation.

For Denial

I move to not approve the Contract with L4 Environmental in the amount of \$679,376.29.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,



Town Manager