

# Memorandum



**To:** Mayor and Town Council

**From:** Ryan Spitzer

**Date:** 5/18/2023

**Re:** Lowry Street Turn Lane Project

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## **Overview:**

Town Staff received bids for the Lowry Street turn lane project that will widen the road from S. Polk St. to Marine Dr. The project will improve the flow of traffic in both the mornings and afternoons by creating a dedicated right turn lane on to S. Polk St., as well as a dedicated through lane on Lowry at the intersection of Marine Dr.

There is one correction to be made on the attached plan. The left turn lane from Lowry on to Marine Dr. will have the straight arrow. The right turn lane at this intersection will only be dedicated for right turns in to the school property.

The Town has appropriated \$600,000 for this project in a project budget previously. There will probably be a need to appropriate additional funds out of the Powell Bill Reserves to complete this project when testing and inspections are included. To date, we have spent approximately \$88,000 on engineering.

The project is scheduled to start June 15, 2023, and be completed by school opening in August. There are liquidated damages in the contract if the project does not get complete within schedule to give the contractor an extra incentive to complete it ahead of schedule.

The reason for approving the contract at this Work Session is due to the timeline. Before the anticipated June 15, 2023, start date Council must approve the contract, they contractor has to sign the contract and the town attorney has to approve the contract.

## **Attachments:**

Bid Tabulations  
Turn Lane Diagram  
Site Plan

## **Recommendation:**

Approve awarding the project to United of Carolinas Inc. for \$541,653.82.