



CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

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| Public Works | David Lady - Public Works Director | July 16, 2024 |

AGENDA ITEM

Council Action – Notice to Award Professional Services Agreement for The South Ark Neighborhood Engineering Design Consent Agenda

BACKGROUND

In 2023, The City of Salida completed planning for the South Ark Neighborhood and subsequently approved Ordinance 2023-16 which provided for a substantial modification to the Vandaveer Ranch Planned Development. Since then, the City was successful in receiving multiple grants and local funding commitments totaling approximately \$6M to provide support for design of all three phases and construction of the initial phase of infrastructure. These improvements are required to be able to start development of the neighborhood and other improvements identified in the prior planning efforts. The engineering scope of work would prepare a shovel ready project that would include design for the below items and allowing for a phased approach to construction:

- 1) Surveying and Platting
- 2) Roadways and Evaluation of Potential CDOT Access Improvements
- 3) Storm Sewer Infrastructure
- 4) Water and Sewer Infrastructure
- 5) River and Highway Crossings for Utilities and Pedestrians
- 6) Trails and Coordination with others on River Restoration Work

An engineering Request for Proposals was advertised for the work. A review team interviewed four consulting firms including Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH), JR Engineering, Inc, KLJ Engineering, LLC, and WSB Engineering, Inc. The teams evaluated the applicants utilizing a scoring matrix which included:

- 1) Narrative and Project Approach
- 2) Firms Experience and References
- 3) Qualifications of Key Personnel
- 4) Project Costs
- 5) Project Schedule
- 6) Overall Responsiveness to RFP

Three of the four firms had proposals generally aligned with estimated engineering fees for the scope of work. J.R. Engineering scored the highest by the evaluators. J.R. Engineering has extensive related experience across Colorado and proposed a robust team with specialists to ensure the necessary resources and quality control are available to perform the work. They also identified several items related to river restoration, environmental, landscaping, lighting, and other key design components that will be critical for ensuring project success.

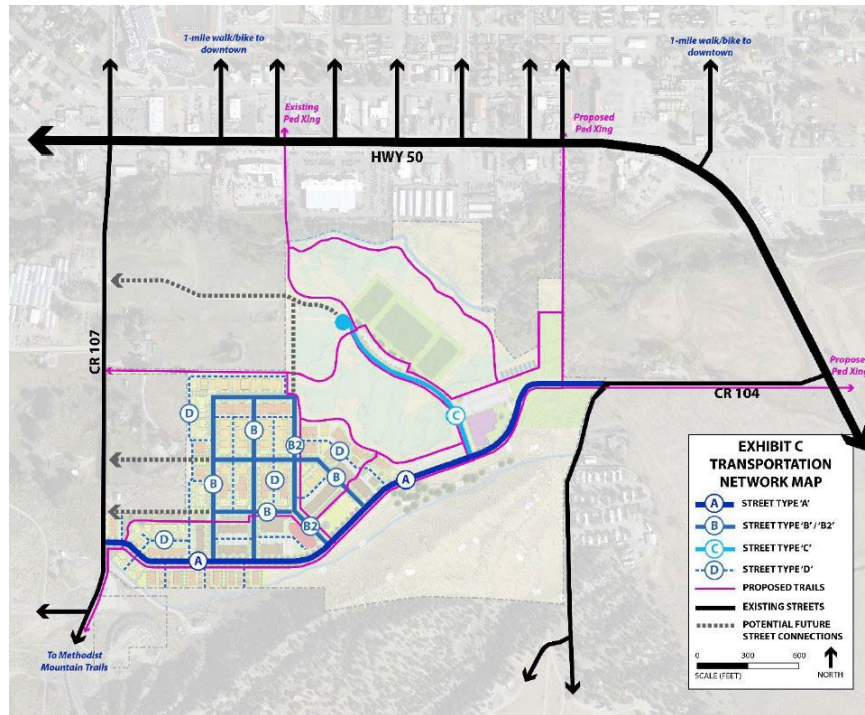


Figure 1-Transportation and Pedestrian Facilities from ODP

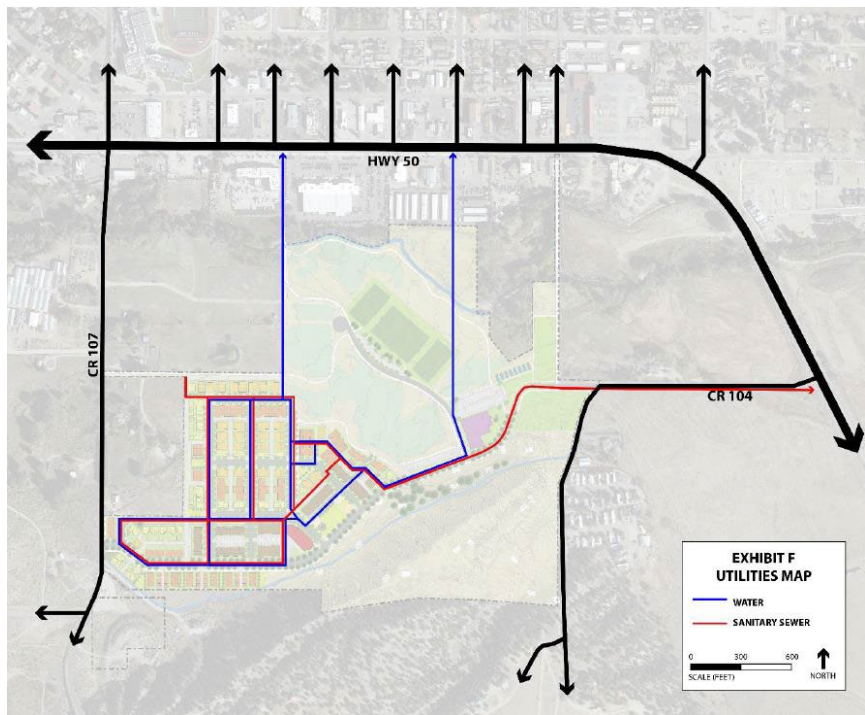


Figure 2 - Primary Utility Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

Notice to Award Professional Services Agreement with J.R. Engineering Inc. and authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$1,331,570 with a total project design budget of \$1,400,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

Grant revenue and local partnerships are sharing in a portion of the professional services. City funds in the amount of \$420,000 will be utilized as a fiscal match for the Strong Communities and More Housing Now Grants awarded for the project. This match will come from the housing fund which has funds available.

MOTION

A City Council member should state "I move to combine and approve the items on the consent agenda", followed by a second and a roll call vote.