



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Safe Routes to School Hwy 228/2nd Avenue Pedestrian Crossing

Preferred Agenda: January 10, 2023

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Reviewed By: Kelcey Young, City Manager

Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion X Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: N/A

Towards Council Goal: Aspiration I: Desirable Community; Aspiration III: Viable and Sustainable Infrastructure; Goal 3.2: Community Safety

Attachments: Holley Rd/2nd Ave SRTS Engineering Contract
SRTS Hwy 228 Grant Agreement
SRTS Hwy 228 RRFB Project Map
SRTS Hwy 228 RRFB Grant Application
SRTS Hwy 228 Cost Estimate

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to request approval of an engineering contract for the Safe Routes to School Hwy 228/2nd Avenue Pedestrian Crossing.

Background/Context:

In late 2020 the City applied for and received a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant for the construction of a pedestrian crossing with rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) at the intersection of Highway 228 and 2nd Avenue. Soon after the City received grant approval, ODOT began their ADA ramp project that is still ongoing throughout the City. Since the concrete work for this project would be completed as part of the ADA ramp project, Staff decided to wait until construction of the new ramps at this intersection was completed before proceeding with the SRTS project.

Construction of new ADA ramps at the intersection of Highway 228 and 2nd Avenue has been completed, and Staff is now proceeding with the project. Utilizing the City's engineer-of-record procurement, Staff have arranged for Civil West to complete the engineering for the RRFB portion of the project. After Civil West completes engineering work, Staff will issue an RFP for the procurement and installation of the equipment.

This project is funded 80% by ODOT and 20% by the City. Funding is available in the City's PATH Fund, however this project has not been officially budgeted, and Council approval of the contract is necessary. This project will also be included in a future supplemental budget for the current fiscal year.

The Challenge/Problem:

How does the City meet improve safety for pedestrians, especially children walking to school?

Stakeholders:

- Sweet Home Residents – Residents, especially young children, need safe ways across busy roads.
- Sweet Home City Council – The City Council is responsible for ensuring that City rights-of-way contain the infrastructure improvements needed to meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors.
- ODOT – ODOT issues Safe Routes to Schools grants to cities to fund pedestrian improvements that will ensure safe travel of children to and from school.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The original application proposed a budget of nearly \$118,000 for this project, however a significant portion of the work has already been completed by ODOT, leaving only the RRFBs. With inflation and supply chain constraints, Staff believe that the remaining project could still amount to nearly \$100,000, 80% of which would be funded by the grant. ODOT also has additional funds that may be tapped to cover the remaining 20% match. This leaves a financial impact to the City of possibly \$0, or up to \$20,000. The current balance of the PATH Fund, which is intended to only pay for pedestrian improvements, is \$968,000.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution includes approving a contract for engineering services for this project.

Options:

1. Do Nothing – If the Council chooses to do nothing, then no agreement for engineering services would be made for this project, and the pedestrian crossing would not be constructed.
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the attached Consultant Services Contract with Civil West – Once the agreement is fully executed, Civil West can begin engineering work on the project, which will then allow staff to issue a request for proposals for procurement and installation of the RRFBs.
3. Direct Staff to research other ways to accomplish the same goals.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 2: Authorize the City Manager to sign the attached Consultant Services Contract with Civil West.