



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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

Preferred Agenda: May 23, 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 Construction Contract
SRTS Hwy 228 Grant Agreement
SRTS Hwy 228 RRFB Project Map

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.

In January, the City Council approved the engineering contract with Civil West to complete the engineering for the RRFB portion of the project. Civil West issued an RFP for the procurement and installation of the equipment. The attached contract has been signed by the low-bidder, Aaken Corporation.

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. The engineering contract with Civil West amounted to \$11,193. The proposed construction contract with Aaken Corporation amounts to \$59,500, putting the project well within budget, 80% of which will 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 \$14,138.60. This amount is easily within the current budget for this project.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution includes approving a construction contract 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 construction contract with Aaken Corporation – Once the agreement is fully executed, Aaken Corporation will begin 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 construction contract with Aaken Corporation