



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brad Reid, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: March 30, 2020

Reference: Consider approval of funding bid #Q-1220-01 with Ed Bell Construction, in the amount of \$1,198,488, for the installation of the MacArthur Blvd. Trail.

2030: Sustainable City Government Strategy: Excellent and Well-Maintained City Infrastructure and Facilities.

Introduction:

The MacArthur Boulevard Trail will be a north/south connector trail serving the residents of Coppel's east side. The 2010 Community Wide Trail Implementation Plan, the 2015 Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan and the 2017 Parks & Recreation Master Plan all recommend widening the sidewalk along the east side of MacArthur Blvd. from a 4' wide pedestrian walkway to an 8' wide shared use side-path. The proposed side-path would begin at the southeast corner of Deforest Road and extend south to the northeast corner of Riverchase Drive, approximately 2.5 miles.

The City of Coppel opened bids for Bid No. Q-1220-01 for the MacArthur Blvd. Trail Project on December 5, 2019. A total of (11) bids were received ranging from \$1,198,488.00 to \$2,574,096. Below are the (4) lowest bids received:

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| • Ed Bell Construction | \$1,198,488.00 |
| • North Star Construction | \$1,224,368.00 |
| • HQS Construction | \$1,252,481.00 |
| • J.B. Co. LLC | \$1,281,674.30 |

Bid No. Q-1220-01 for the MacArthur Blvd. Trail Project has been on hold since December 2019 to enable staff to confirm available CRDC funding.

Analysis:

The Coppel Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan provides a framework for future investments and studies in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and programs, with a focus on improving connectivity

to local destinations, tying into the regional trail network, improving safety and accessibility for all bicyclists and pedestrians, supporting economic development, and improving quality of life for Coppell residents. This project establishes the first significant east Coppell route suggested in the Master Plan and will connect to the recently installed Riverchase Drive bike lanes and eventually tie into the east/west Cotton Belt (Silver Line) trail with access to the future Dart rail station.

The Policy Plan section of Coppell 2030 includes the following Transportation and Mobility actions:

- TM – 3 Provide a safe and interconnected network of pedestrian and bicycle routes throughout the city, with connections to regional transit services, that provides lineages among employment sites, housing, and mixed-use centers
- TM – 4 Provide walking and biking corridors linking neighborhoods and other destinations in Coppell to the future DART station in the Belt Line corridor.

The proposed side-path will be installed within the utility easement and no additional easements will be required for this project. There will be trees that need to be removed to widen the sidewalk from a 4' wide pedestrian walkway to an 8' wide shared use side-path. Most of the trees to be removed are on Lakes of Coppell HOA property or City property (Fire Station #2 and MacArthur Park). Parks staff has met with the Lakes of Coppell HOA board to review the trees to be removed and develop a plan to replace the total number of inches of trees removed. We plan to utilize interlocal agreements to contract tree planting services and irrigation repairs separate from the Ed Bell Construction amount of \$1,198,488. We are estimating \$25,000 for tree planting and \$40,000 for irrigation re-routes and repairs. The original funding allocation for this project was \$2,100,000.

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends awarding bid #Q-1220-01 to lowest responsible bidder, Ed Bell Construction in the amount of \$1,198,488.00.

Legal Review:

Agenda item does not require legal review.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this agenda item is \$1,198,488.00, as provided for in the CRDC fund balance.

Recommendation:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends approval of this item.