



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-821

Agenda Date: September 7, 2023

Department: Public Works

Title: 2023-821 SW 43rd Street Rehabilitation Construction Bid Award and CEI Services Task Assignment (B)

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Description: Request City Commission to award a construction agreement to Watson Construction Company, LLC and authorization for task assignment agreement to George F. Young, Inc for professional services for the SW 43rd Street Rehabilitation project.

Fiscal Note: Funding for the project will be allocated with the FY23 6th Budget amendment. \$1,395,837.00 is available for funding the construction phase through the Transportation Mobility Program Area Fund and the Sidewalk Fund.

Explanation: A segment of SW 43rd Street between SW 24th Avenue and SW 20th Avenue is in need of pavement rehabilitation and improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities to enhance safety, accessibility and connectivity. The project consists of milling and resurfacing the asphalt surface; adding paved shoulders for bicycle lanes; installing new sidewalk on the eastern side of the roadway; improving bus stops to provide accessibility and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and making minor modifications to existing drainage facilities to accommodate the new sidewalk and paved shoulders.

On June 30, 2023, the Department of Financial Service – Procurement Division received a single bid from a responsible, responsive bidder for the construction of the SW 43rd Street Rehabilitation project. The bid, which met the specifications, was submitted by Watson Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,079,787.50. Staff recommends awarding the construction agreement to Watson Construction Company, LLC.

In addition to procuring construction services for this project, staff will engage with a consultant to provide construction engineering and inspection (CEI) services. Inspection

is an important element of roadway construction as it provides a level of assurance that the project is completed according to applicable codes, contract plans, specifications, and other requirements. Staff recommends entering a task assignment agreement with George F. Young, Inc. in the amount of \$230,000 for CEI services on this project.

The SW 43rd Street Rehabilitation project will provide more accessible transportation options, and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and connectivity along this corridor for our neighbors. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2023 and be complete in Spring 2024. Any required lane closures will occur at night to minimize disruptions to the traveling public.

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☒ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☐ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

Recommendation: City Commission 1) Award Bid #PWDA-230053-WB – SW 43rd Street Rehabilitation to Watson Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,079,787.50 and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into a Construction Agreement with Watson Construction Company, LLC for SW 43rd Street Rehabilitation, subject to approval of the City Attorney or designee as to form and legality; 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into a Task Assignment Agreement with George F. Young, Inc. in the amount of \$230,000 for construction engineering and inspections on the SW 43rd Street Rehabilitation Project, subject to approval of the City Attorney or designee as to form and legality.