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Date: November 9, 2020

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager

From: Robert Prestwood, City Engineering

Jerry Bates, Purchasing Director

## **Council Action Requested:**

Resolution Awarding Contract for Meadowlark Drive Widening Project (West Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation

**Strategic Objective:** Improve Integrated Road Network

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

**Key Work Item:** Yes

## **Summary of Information:**

The City advertised bids for Meadowlark Drive Widening Project, a 2014 G.O. Bond project. This project will construct improvements to Meadowlark Drive between Country Club Road and Robinhood Road including the addition of a center turn lane and construction of a multiuse path and sidewalks. This work will improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and improve safety and accessibility for non-vehicular forms of transportation along Meadowlark Drive. These improvements are needed to alleviate existing traffic congestion resulting from the additional residential development that has taken place over the last decade.

The City was the recipient of Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds for this work and approval was given by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the design and construction of this project. Following NCDOT approval to bid, the City solicited bids for construction of the Meadowlark Drive Widening Project with bid opening October 13, 2020. Below is a summary of bids offered:

	<u>City/State</u>	Base Bid
Smith-Rowe, LLC	Mount Airy, NC	\$7,685,944.11
Branch Civil, Inc.	Roanoke, VA	9,150,467.00
Flatiron Construction, Inc.	Morrisville, NC	9,358,379.00
Triangle Grading & Paving, Inc.	Burlington, NC	9,650,316.90

Committee Action:						
Committee	Finance 11/9/2020	Action	Approval			
For	Unanimous	Against				
Remarks:						

Funding for the construction budget is available from the 2014 G.O. Bond allocation, bond premiums, and 2/3 bonds. The CMAQ agreement provides additional funding for the City to construct the project. NCDOT will reimburse the City (with Federal funds) for 80% of approved allowable project costs, up to \$1,469,082. The City's share of this funding is \$367,271.

Smith-Rowe, LLC submitted Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) subcontracting goals of 8.97%, exceeding the goals of 7% established by NCDOT for this project; therefore, it is recommended that a contract for the Meadowlark Drive Widening Project per bid specifications be awarded to Smith-Rowe, LLC, the low bidder meeting specifications, in the estimated amount of \$7,685,944.11. The Engineer's estimate was \$8,056,511.

The execution of the contract is contingent upon approval by the State of North Carolina Department of Transportation.

M/WBE comment: Terms of the bid required all bidders to be pre-qualified with NCDOT for their specific disciplines. This project was advertised on the City, State, and HUB websites, in the Winston-Salem Journal and The Chronicle, with several electronic plan rooms, and 49 contractors were notified directly of this opportunity. Notifications were also sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB and DBE businesses weekly. See Exhibit A for a complete list of businesses that were notified of the bidding opportunity and the workplace demographics for Smith-Rowe, LLC.