



City of Winston-Salem City Council
Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Resolution to Approve a Project Budget Ordinance and a Change Order with Sharpe Brothers Inc. for Additional Construction Services for the Liberty/Main Two-Way Conversion Project
City Council Committee	Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date	March 9, 2026
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Bobby Croom, PE, Assistant Director of Transportation
Department Head	Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation
City Manager/ACM	Aaron King, ACM

Agenda Item Summary

Recommended Council Action	Resolution Approval
Suggested Motion Options	Motion to Approve a Resolution for a Project Budget Ordinance and a Change Order with Sharpe Brothers Inc. for Additional Construction Services Related to Liberty/Main Two-Way Conversion Project
Strategic Focus Area	Good Government
Strategic Plan Objective	GG4: Maintaining and Updating Infrastructure and Facilities
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	Fiscal Impact Anticipated: See Analysis in Summary

Summary of Information

Sharpe Brothers is currently under contract to construct the Liberty/Main Two-Way Conversion Project and is in the final stages of completing punch-list items. Following this work, Duke Energy will continue with its remaining responsibilities, including traffic-signal pole removals and streetlight adjustments, which must occur after the contractor’s work is complete.

During construction, several unforeseen conditions and conflicts emerged that required additional work beyond the original scope. These included substantial undercutting and excavation of deteriorated roadway sections, the installation of additional traffic-signal poles due to previously unknown utility conflicts and subsurface obstructions, and a significant increase in required structure adjustments during paving. Each of these items was essential to ensure the long-term durability, safety, and functionality of the corridor.



As a result of these unavoidable overruns, the project requires an additional \$390,000 to fully close out construction.

These funds are necessary to address the unanticipated field conditions and to deliver a high-quality final product that will serve the City well into the future.

Analysis of Fiscal Impact

The Winston-Salem Department of Transportation staff has worked with the Budget Office to identify previously appropriated WSDOT capital project balances and contingency funds to cover the \$390,000 in construction overruns. This approach ensures that the additional costs can be absorbed within existing capital resources without requiring new appropriations or additional City funding.

The original construction contract for the Liberty/Main Two-Way Conversion Project totaled \$5,417,448.12. The proposed change order of \$390,000, when combined with all previously approved change orders, brings the revised total contract value to \$6,282,965.57.

Attachments

Resolution
Project Budget Ordinance

Committee Action	COW 3/9/2026
For:	Against:
Remarks: Approved Unanimously	