

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 17, 2024

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

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
 Jeff Fansler, Transportation Director
 Darren Redfield, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Salem Parkway Multi-Use Path Construction (South, Southwest, Northwest Wards)

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation
Strategic Objective: Improve Integrated Road Network
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: Yes



Summary of Information:

The Salem Parkway Multi-Use Path (MUP) is a bicycle and pedestrian shared use path that will run parallel with Salem Parkway through downtown Winston-Salem. This project was analyzed and developed in coordination with the U-2827B (Business 40) project to provide a separated, mixed-use connection between the Strollway and Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. The project was further split into an eastern and western section. The projects were submitted through prioritization for funding consideration through the State Transportation Improvement Program where the eastern section was awarded \$1,600,000. The balance of funds has been appropriated through the WSUAMPO’s Direct Attributable funds and City bond funds.

City/County Purchasing advertised a formal bid to construct the eastern section of the Multi-Use Path along Salem Parkway from Fourth Street (just west of the Peters Creek interchange) to Liberty Street. The primary trades involved are grading, sidewalks, curb and gutter, drainage structures, retaining walls, and asphalt paving. Exhibit B is the multi-use path overlaid on an aerial map.

Bids were received on December 6, 2023, with a summary as follows:

	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Smith-Rowe, LLC	Mount Airy, NC	\$4,796,990.12
Dane Construction, Inc.	Mooresville, NC	5,862,341.75
Vecellio & Grogan, Inc.	Beckley, WV	6,310,967.47

Committee	<u>FC – 01/17/2024</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
Remarks:			

This project is partially federally funded; and as a result, the North Carolina Department of Transportation set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 6% and all prime contractors and subcontractors must be NCDOT prequalified at time of bid. The low bidder, Smith-Rowe, LLC, agreed to subcontract 6.98% with DBE subcontractors and submitted the mandatory Letters of Intent within the required timeframe.

It is therefore recommended that a contract be awarded to Smith-Rowe, LLC, the low bidder meeting specifications, in the total base bid amount of \$4,796,990.12. The engineer's estimate was approximately \$5,200,000.00.

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the city and state websites and with several electronic plan rooms. Bid invitations were sent directly to 45 contractors, including seven minority-owned and seven woman-owned businesses. Notifications were sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB businesses on a bi-weekly basis. See Exhibit A for Workplace Demographics and a complete list of businesses that were notified about the bidding opportunity.