THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: July 25, 2023

Subject: New Leicester Highway Sidewalk Inspections Contract

Staff Resource(s): Jade Dundas, Capital Projects Director; Dustin Clemens, Capital Projects Program Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with TranSystems Corporation in the amount of $417,432.72, for New Leicester Highway construction engineering and inspection services; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of ~10% ($41,000).

Background:

- In 2018, the City of Asheville received a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for reimbursement of 80% of construction funds for the New Leicester Highway sidewalk project up to $2,904,000.
- City Council Resolution No. 23-91 authorized the City Manager to execute a construction contract with NHM constructors, LLC for the New Leicester Highway Sidewalk project.
- City of Asheville staff publicly advertised for Construction Engineering and Inspection services, as required for a professional service selection process.
- Nine professional engineering submittals were received and evaluated based on their qualifications, experience and technical approach.
- The evaluation of those submittals, ranked by a five member evaluation committee, resulted in TranSystems Corporation (formerly SEPI Engineering) being the highest ranked firm.
- Negotiations with TranSystems Corporation resulted in an agreed fee of $417,432.72
- The North Carolina Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the negotiated fee as well as the draft agreement with TranSystems Corporation.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- With all federally funded projects, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program is required for construction services, but not professional engineering services such as this agreement.
- The federally established DBE goal for this project is 5% participation for construction services, which will be exceeded for the construction portion of the project.
- Because this agreement with TranSystems is for professional services, the DBE participation is not considered.

Council Goal(s):

- A well planned and liveable community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Provides for sidewalk construction in an area with a demonstrated need for safe pedestrian access.
- Utilizes federal funded grant dollars to maximize the local funding.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

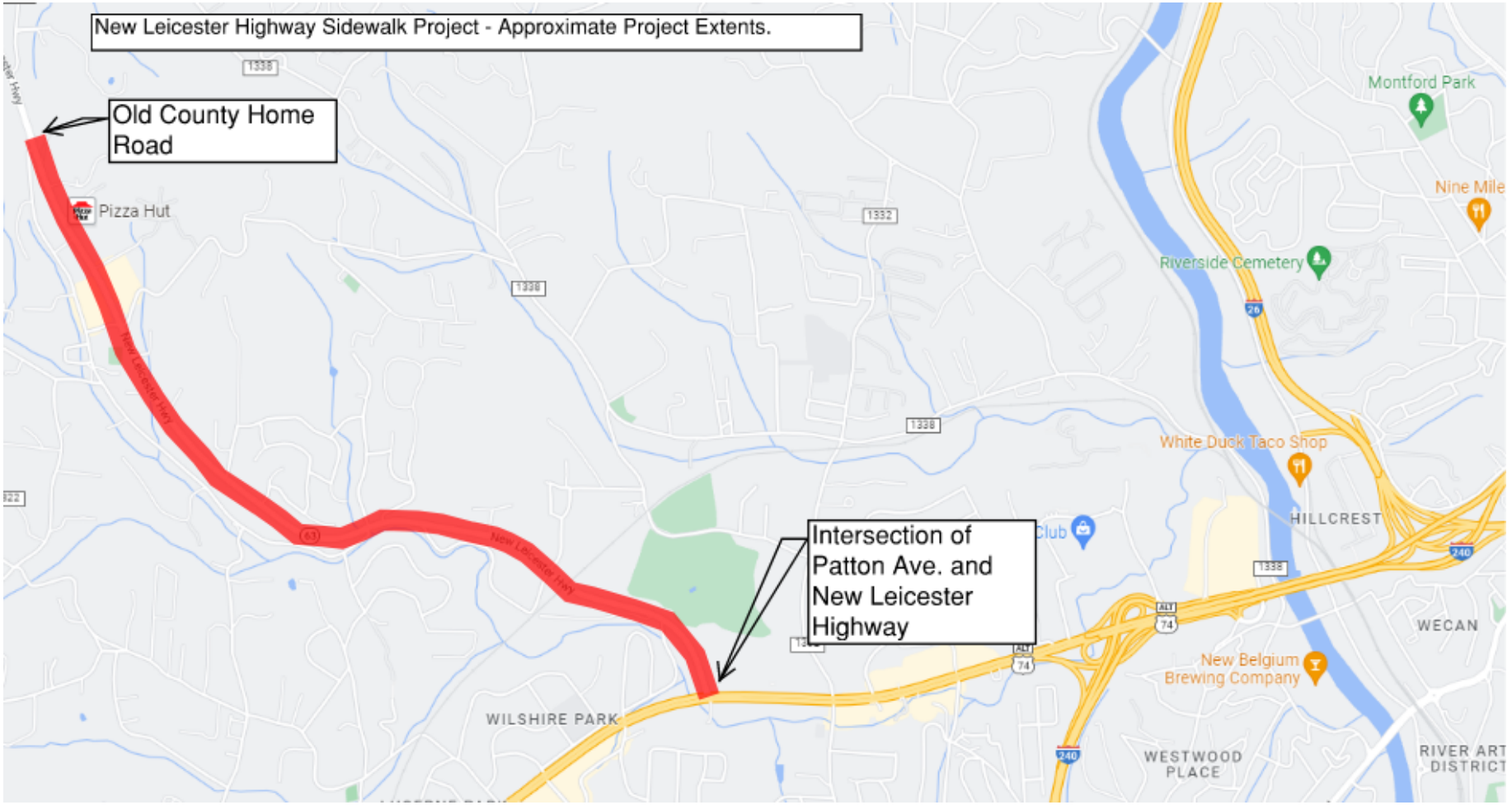
- Funding for this contract was previously budgeted and is available in the General Capital Projects Fund.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with TranSystems Corporation in the amount of $417,432.72, for New Leicester Highway construction engineering and inspection services; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of ~10% ($41,000).

Attachment(s)

- Area Map
- Resolution


New Leicester Highway Sidewalk Project - Approximate Project Extents.
Old County Home Road
Intersection of Patton Ave. and New Leicester Highway
Pizza Hut
Montford Park
Nine Mile
Riverside Cemetery
White Duck Taco Shop
HILLCREST
WECAN
New Belgium Brewing Company
WILSHIRE PARK
WESTWOOD PLACE
RIVER ART DISTRICT
1338
1332
240
74
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RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE NEW LEICESTER HIGHWAY SIDEWALK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-64.31, qualifications were solicited for the Construction Engineer and Inspection Services for New Leicester Highway**;** and

WHEREAS, the City issued a RFQ 298-CP21-U5019B on 2/22/21, and TranSystems Corporation (formerly SEPI Engineering and Construction, Inc.) was selected based on their demonstrated competence and qualification for this type of professional services; and

WHEREAS, TranSystems Corporation shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment for the engineering and inspection services of the New Leicester Highway Sidewalk project; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the agreement is $417,432.72, and funding for the project is allocated within the Capital Improvement Program Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with TranSystems Corporation in the amount of $417,432.72, for New Leicester Highway construction engineering and inspection services; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of ~10% ($41,000).

Read, approved and adopted this the 25th day of July, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney