THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Subject: Contract Amendment for Asheville Greenway Connectors Design

Staff Resource(s): Jade Dundas, Capital Projects Director
Vinnie Sullivan, Capital Projects Project Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract amendment with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (Alta) for the project known as the Asheville Greenway Connectors, in the amount of $50,800, increasing the total contract amount to $164,904.90.

Background:

- The scope of the initial design contract with Alta was to design two on-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities that will connect the Nasty Branch Greenway to Memorial Stadium (future Beaucatcher Greenway) and the future Bacoate Branch Greenway.
- The original contract scope with Alta included but was not limited to data collection, base mapping, street engineering, streetscape design and wayfinding, public engagement, utility coordination, and design plans.
- The contract amendment is needed for right-of-way(ROW) acquisition, which is needed to move the project through the construction phase.
- ROW acquisition was not included in scope of the original design contract.
- For the original Phase I design for contract #91800250, Alta was selected from a pool of eleven respondents to the City's request for qualifications advertisement, issued on December 13, 2016.
- The selection process included a qualifications-based, individual and group review by a committee of City staff.
- Phase I of the project for $24,912.60, awarded in February 2018, consisted of a feasibility study.
- Phase II of this design project, consisting of design and construction documents under contract #91900219.
- The initial Council resolution, 18-284, authorized contracting with Alta in the amount of $114,104.90.
- This contract amendment will increase the Phase II contract amount by $50,800, bringing the total contract amount to $164,904.90.
- Completion ROW acquisition is expected to take several months, following which a final North Carolina Department of Transportation review will result in advertising the construction contract with construction estimated to begin in Spring 2023.
- Construction is anticipated to span approximately nine months.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- This project is partially funded using Federal funds.
- Vendor selection processes followed the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration.
- All of the Federal requirements for vendor outreach and inclusion have been met.
- As this is an amendment to the original contract, no additional outreach efforts were made.

Council Goal(s):

- Enhances alternative transportation goals and vision.
- Provides safe travel ways.

Pro(s):

- Increases access to the City's growing inventory of greenways.
- Further emphasizes Asheville as a recreation destination.

Con(s):

- Eventual construction will be disruptive to the area.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract is currently budgeted in the General Capital Projects Fund.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract amendment with Alta for the project known as the Asheville Greenway Connectors, in the amount of $50,800, increasing the contract amount to $164,904.90. The contract amendment is needed to implement ROW acquisition.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Map of project for all projects

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT WITH ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN, INC. FOR THE ASHEVILLE GREENWAY CONNECTORS 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. § 143-129, requests for qualifications were solicited for both phases of the Greenway Connectors Project**;** and

WHEREAS, Alta Planning + Design, Inc. of Charlotte, NC was found to be the best qualified firm for the project; and

WHEREAS, Alta Planning + Design, Inc. shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to perform the design activities outlined in the approved documents for the Asheville Greenway Connectors, Phase Two: Design and Construction Documents Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Asheville a contract with Alta Planning + Design, Inc., as described in Resolution 18-284; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract amendment is $50,800, and funding for the amendment is allocated within the 2016 General Obligation Bond Program;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in the amount of $50,800, increasing the contract amount to $164,904.90 for the Asheville Greenway Connectors, Phase Two: Design and Construction Documents Project.

Read, approved and adopted this the 13th day of September, 2022.

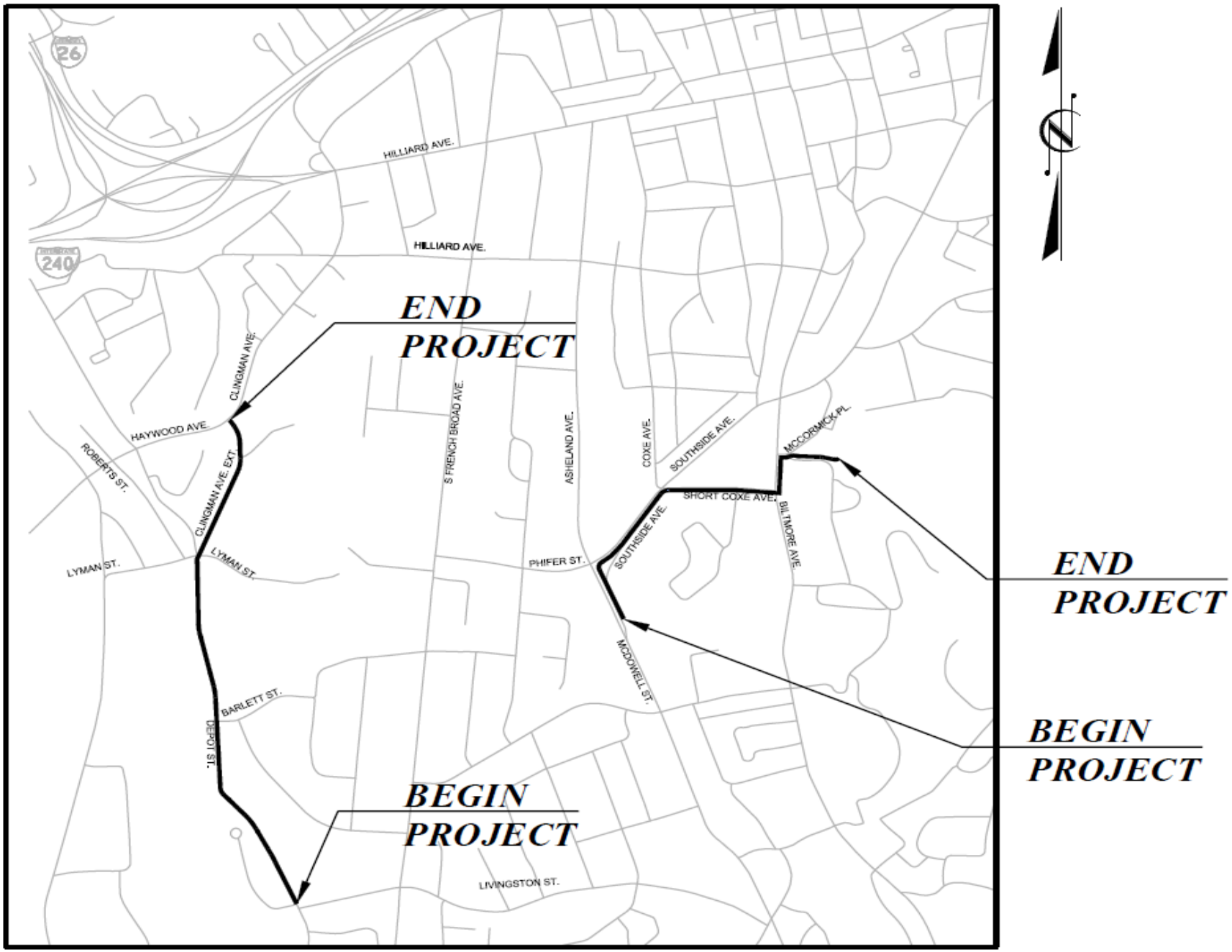
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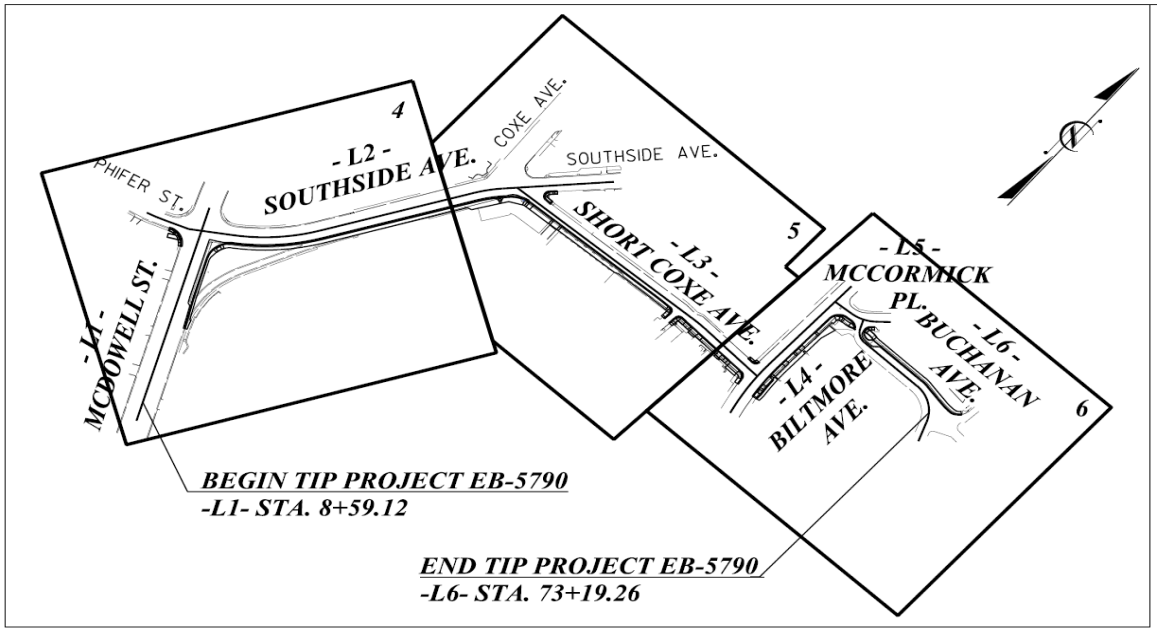
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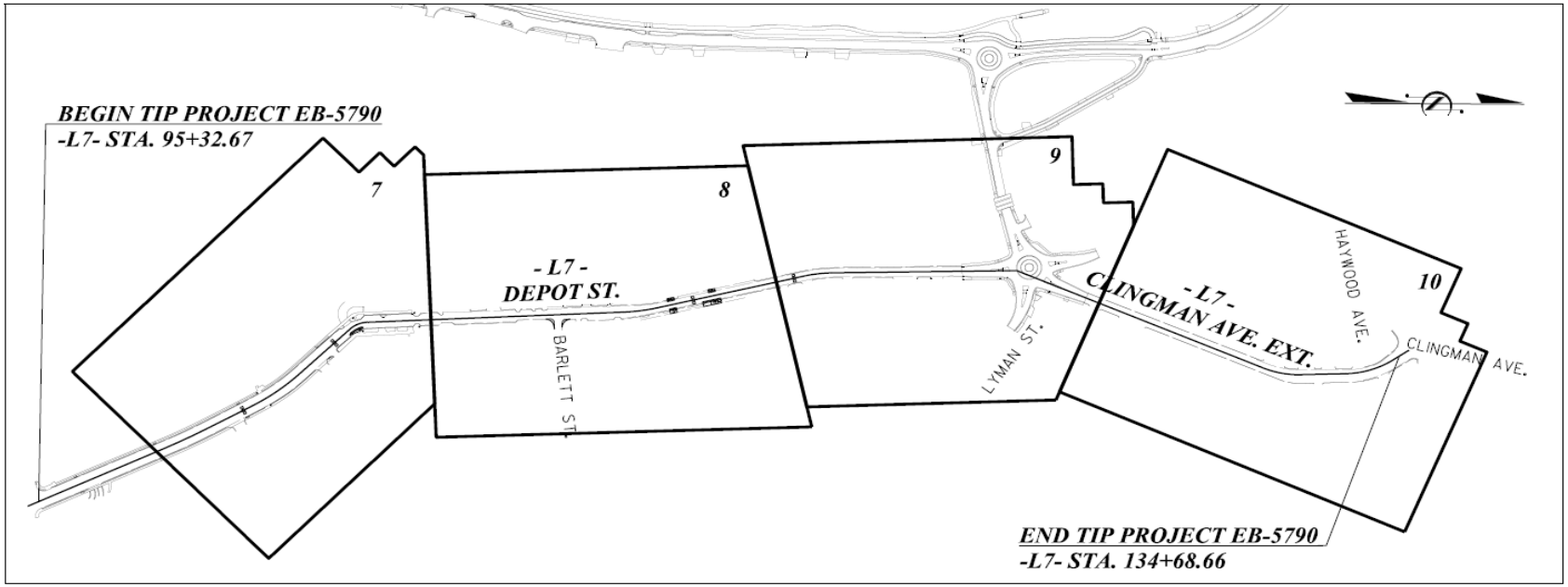
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VICINITY MAP



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