THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: July 27, 2021

Subject: Contract for the design of slide repairs for Vance Gap Road.

Staff Resource(s): Greg Shuler, Public Works Director
Chad Bandy, Streets Division Manager
Chuck Watson, Streets Project Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of $286,060.50 for the Vance Gap Road Slide Repairs Design contract.

Background:
- Heavy rains in April caused a slope failure on Vance Gap Road.
- Public Works staff performed temporary repairs to the slope, but a permanent solution will be required.
- The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on April 20, 2021, and responses were due by May 5, 2021.
- Two responses to the RFQ were received:
  Gannett Fleming, Inc. of Asheville, NC
  Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Asheville, NC
- Vaughn and Melton received the highest score from the scoring committee.
- The scoring committee consisted of representatives from Public Works, Communication and Public Engagement, and Building Safety staff from the Development Services Department.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:
- Staff performed outreach to minority- and women-owned businesses through solicitation processes which included posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System and requiring prime contractors to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services. Staff also checked the N.C. Historically Underutilized Business and NCDOT MWBE databases for potential contractors.
- Six MWBE companies were directly contacted regarding the RFQ.
- None of these companies submitted a response.
- Two of the subcontractors on the design team are women-owned businesses.

Council Goal(s):
- This project aligns with the 2036 City Council Vision of a Well-Planned Livable Community.

Committee(s):
- None

Pro(s):
- This contract will provide a design to stabilize Vance Gap Road which is the only access for the residents.
- Successful completion of the project will assure emergency response access and core service delivery to the community.

Con(s):
- None

Fiscal Impact:

- This contract will be a not-to-exceed contract.
- Funding for this contract will come from the FY21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) contingency budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of $286,060.50 for the Vance Gap Road Slide Repairs Design contract.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Location map of impacted area

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VAUGHN AND MELTON CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF SLIDE REPAIRS FOR VANCE GAP ROAD.

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, response were solicited for the design of slide repairs for Vance Gap Road; and

WHEREAS, the Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers of Asheville, NC was the highest scoring submitting firm; and

WHEREAS, Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers shall provide plans, specifications and estimates sufficient to bid a repair contract;

WHEREAS, the amount of the proposal is $286,060.50, and funding for the project is allocated within the General Capital Projects Fund;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized Manager to execute a contract with Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of $286,060.50 for the Vance Gap Road Slide Repairs contract.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 27th day of July 2021.

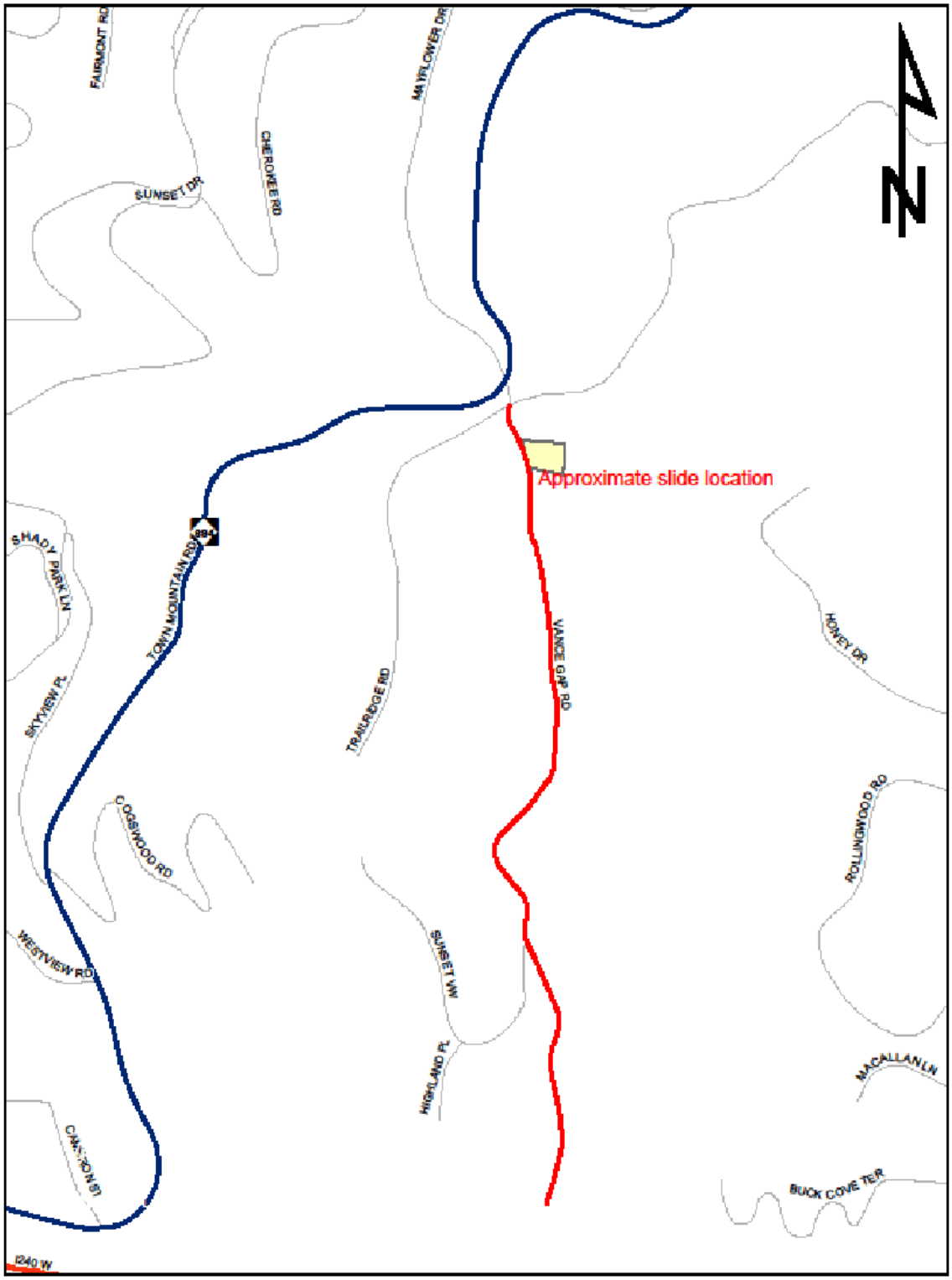
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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney


Approximate slide location
FAIRMONT RD
SUNSET DR
CHEROKEE RD
MAYFLOWER DR
SHADY PARK LN
SKYVIEW PL
TOWN MOUNTAIN RD
TRAILRIDGE RD
VANCE GAP RD
HONEY DR
COGSWOOD RD
ROLLINGWOOD RD
WESTVIEW RD
SUNSET LN
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