City of Asheville Staff Report

City Council Meeting Date: June 23, 2026

Staff Resources:

- Amy Deyton, Director, Public Works Department
- Dylan Wingler, Streets Division Manager, Public Works

Action Requested:

Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering Inc. of the Carolinas in the amount of $107,460 for design and engineering services for FY26 Resurfacing Curb Ramps; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the 15% contingency amount of $16,119.

Background:

- The City of Asheville is required by Federal law to improve ADA ramps that are adjacent to paving projects to current standards set by Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility (PROWAG) and Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).
- Public Works has determined that 20 ADA ramps that are part of the FY26 Asphalt Resurfacing Contract will require design by a consultant to meet current PROWAG and ADAAG standards.
- On March 6, 2026, staff posted a Request for Qualifications (298-FY26-PW-RFQ - DesignResurfacingCurbRamps) for professional services to design ramps that meet current standards.
- The deadline for statement of qualifications by interested firms was March 31, 2026. Ten (10) statements of qualifications were received and evaluated by a five-member selection committee from the Public Works and Transportation Departments.
- The scope of design and engineering services encompasses:
    - Prepare final, sealed construction drawings and specifications for the permanent design of curb ramps and crosswalks at both signalized and non-signalized intersections.
    - Design new or modify existing signals for intersections.
    - Design new or modify existing roadway striping.
    - Assess intersections to identify and address any necessary pedestrian safety improvements.

Vendor Outreach:

- The Selection process was a qualifications-based selection process.
- Staff performed outreach to minority- and women-owned businesses through solicitation processes which included posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System.
- 5 MWBE vendors were notified of the City of Asheville professional services opportunity.
- HDR Engineering Inc. of the Carolinas was selected by staff as the best-qualified firm to deliver the requested services for FY26 Design Curb Ramps for Resurfacing.

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- A Clean, Safe and Healthy Environment
- Transportation and Accessibility

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- Infrastructure & Environment

Committee(s):

- N/A

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract is available in the Fiscal Year 2026 General Capital Projects Fund.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas in the amount of $107,460 for design and engineering services for FY26 Resurfacing Curb Ramps; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to a 15% contingency amount of $16,119.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas for design and engineering services for FY26 Resurfacing Curb Ramps.

Whereas, Americans with Disabilities Act ramps that are adjacent to resurfacing projects must be brought to current Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility (PROWAG) and Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) standards; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-64.31 qualifications were solicited for Engineering and Design for FY26 Resurfacing Curb Ramps (298-FY26-PW-RFQ-DesignCurbRamps) on March 6, 2026, and HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas ("Contractor") was selected by staff committee as the best qualified firm to deliver the requested services; and

Whereas, funding for the project is provided in the Fiscal Year 2026 Streets Program;

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 HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas, in the amount of $107,460 for design and engineering services for FY26 Resurfacing Curb Ramps; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any change orders that may arise during the project up to the 15% contingency amount of $16,119.

Read, approved and adopted this 23rd day of June, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk