

CONSENT ITEMS

RE: RAMSEY LANE BRIDGE PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

PROGRAM: STREETS & SIDEWALKS

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend awarding the construction engineering contract to Cochran, subject to MoDOT's concurrence.

EXPLANATION: On February 12, 2015, an application was submitted to East-West Gateway Council of Governments for federal funding for the replacement of the Ramsey Lane Bridge on Fishpot Creek. The scope of this project includes removing the existing 3-cell concrete box culvert and constructing a new bridge.

On August 11, 2015, the project was approved for 80% cost reimbursement with engineering in 2016, right-of-way and easement acquisition in 2017, and construction in 2018. Federal funding is limited to 80% of these costs.

We advertised on MoDOT and the City websites for qualification for construction engineering services for the Ramsey Lane Bridge Replacement project. On November 15, 2017, Director of Development Andy Hixson and I interviewed three (3) firms we believed to be most qualified. Federal law requires qualification based selection which prohibits requesting prices from each firm. The following criteria were used to rank each firm.

1. Experience and technical competence
2. Capacity and capability
3. Past record of performance.

Mr. Hixson and I concurred that Cochran is more qualified than the other three consultants interviewed. In addition, the City has contracted with Cochran for the same services for the Ries Road Bridge project. Both bridge projects will be bid together with the construction contract awarded to one contractor. Ries Road Bridge will be constructed first then the Ramsey Lane Bridge.

On November 15, 2017 Cochran was notified and a contract with fee was requested. Cochran submitted a contract with a ceiling in the amount of \$30,695.17. This cost is 80% federally reimbursable. The budget for these services is \$35,000.

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