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To: Steve Rapson, County Administrator

From: Phil Mallon, Director of Public Works

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Subject: Award of Professional Services for Engineering Evaluation and Design of Intersection Improvements for Antioch Road and Goza Road (2017 SPLOST #17TAO)

The 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) list of County Transportation Projects includes an intersection improvement at Antioch and Goza Roads. The project was allocated \$1,070,000 on the SPLOST resolution, of which \$80,250 was budgeted by the Board of Commissioners (BOC) for FY 2018.

During the BOC's August 24th meeting there was a staff presentation and subsequent discussion about the intersection and safety concerns. The BOC approved four actions, one of which was for staff to fast-track the evaluation and design of the intersection, which included authorization for staff to procure professional services outside the normal procurement process (i.e., sole-source negotiation and award). The Board stressed the importance of a quick turn-around on both interim safety measures and the proposed "final" design.

To help ensure an aggressive Consultant schedule and a fair price for Fayette County, staff prepared a scope of work and identified four Consultants to seek responses from. They were selected based on County experience with these firms as well as input from GDOT.

Each of the four Consultants were contacted before issuing the solicitation and all expressed interest in the project. The solicitation was sent out on August 29th and the responses were due Friday, September 8th. Two of the four firms submitted proposals: Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc. and POND and Company. The two that did not respond expressed concerns about their ability to complete the work in the aggressive time frame desired by the County.

The minimum required scope of work includes:

1. Review of existing conditions and data;
2. Recommendation of interim safety improvements;
3. Develop, analysis and modeling of multiple concepts, with recommendation to the BOC of the preferred option; and
4. Full design of the BOC-approved concept.

The evaluation team for this project consisted of three people from Public Works: Phil Mallon, Carlos Christian, and Joe Robison. The team evaluated the responses using four, pre-specified, criteria: scope, schedule, cost and staff. The evaluation team concluded the proposals are very similar except for cost. Each offers a project schedule of six months, both address the minimum scope of work required by the County, both provide a good strategy for completing the work, and both offered a team of engineers and designers qualified for the project.

The deciding factor between the two proposals is cost. H&L's fees are \$119,000 and POND's fees are \$165,212.

Staff is recommending award of contract to H&L for \$119,000. Fully funding the work in FY 2018 requires reallocation of \$38,750 from another SPLOST source. Staff is recommending the Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer & Spear Road project (17TAN), which has \$112,500 allocated for design in FY 2018.

Specifics of the proposed contract are as follows:

Contract Name	1389-S: Eng. for Antioch & Goza Intersection Improvement	
Contractor	Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc.	
Lump Sum Amount	\$119,000.00.	
Budget:		
Organization Code	32240220	Stormwater Projects
Object Code	541210	Other Improvements
Project Code	17TAO	Antioch & Goza
Available Budget	\$80,250	FY 2018 for Design
Proposed Budget	\$119,000	Transfer of \$38,750 from 17TAN