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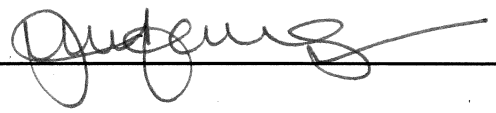
Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Ristow

SUBJECT: **DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION PLAN CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

DATE: April 3, 2019

Approved  Date 4-4-19

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 3 & 6

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute a contract with Fehr & Peers for planning & design consulting services to develop the Downtown Transportation Plan in an amount not to exceed $675,000.

OUTCOME

A transportation plan that provides clear, well-vetted direction to improve access, mobility, circulation, navigability, streetscapes, and public life in Downtown. A key deliverable is providing for a cohesive long-term transportation network with enough capacity to meet future demand.

BACKGROUND

On September 7, 2017, the City of San José was awarded $813,000 of One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 funds by the Valley Transportation Authority through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for transportation planning in Downtown San José. The project area for this effort is the Downtown San José Priority Development Area. On March 13, 2018, the City Council authorized the City Manager or designee to accept grant funds and negotiate and execute all documents necessary to fund and complete this project. In both City and Metropolitan Transportation Commission budget documents, this effort is referred to as the *Downtown San José Mobility, Streetscape, and Public Life Plan.*

ANALYSIS

In 2018, the Department of Transportation developed a Request for Proposal with input from the Valley Transportation Authority, San José Downtown Association, SPUR, Knight Foundation, TransForm, and other City groups, including Council District 3, Office of Economic

Development, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, and Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services.

In September 2018, the Department of Transportation released a Request for Proposal for planning and design consulting services to develop the Downtown Transportation Plan. Proposals were received from the following teams:

1) Fehr & Peers, Winter Consulting, Gehl, EPS, HMH, Bonnie Nelson, Jay Primus
2) Sam Schwartz, CHS, CityFi, Crossroad Lab, Gehl, InterEthnica, MIG
3) Nelson\Nygaard, AIM Consulting, Gehl, Kimley-Horn, Mobycon, Perkins+Will
4) IBI, Gehl, Public Space Authority, VRPA Technologies, Greensfelder Commercial Real Estate

The proposals and teams were evaluated based upon the following weighted criteria:

- Project Understanding & Work Plan: Technical - 30%
- Community Engagement - 25%
- Project Staffing: 20%
- Firm & Project Team Qualifications: 20%
- Environmental Stewardship: 5%

The Fehr & Peers proposal received the highest overall score, 91 out of 100 points. The team has extensive and excellent local knowledge and experience, relevant big city downtown transportation planning experience, and many accomplished members who are ready to mobilize immediately. The proposal also includes international experts to challenge local practices and outstanding technical and community engagement work plans. The team includes technical transportation professionals who are fluent in Spanish and Vietnamese.

The scope of work will include project management, community engagement, and developing a vision and strategies to achieve the vision. Key deliverables will include decision-making frameworks, prioritized lists of projects and programs, designs and estimates for up to 30 top priority projects, and a phasing, implementation and monitoring plan. The total contract will not exceed $675,000, with the work occurring over an 18 month term.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Progress on the development of the Downtown Transportation Plan will be reported to the Transportation and Environment Committee.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

To solicit bids, this Request for Proposal was listed on BidSync. Many community members and groups supported the Downtown Transportation Plan grant application, including California Walks, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, County of Santa Clara Public Health Department, Greenbelt Alliance, San José Downtown Association, and the Council District 3 office. The development of the Downtown Transportation Plan will also include a significant level of community outreach. This memorandum will be posted to the City's website for the April 16, 2019 Council agenda.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the City Manager's Budget Office.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

This item does not have any input from any board or commission.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The $813,000 One Bay Area Grant will provide for the $675,000 cost of the Fehr and Peers contract, with the balance of $138,000 providing for the Department of Transportation staff support and oversight of the project.

BUDGET REFERENCE

The table below identifies the fund and appropriations to fund the proposed contract.

Fund #	Appn #	Appn Name	Total Appn	Amt. for Contract	2018-2019 Adopted Capital Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
465	406R	Downtown San José Mobility, Streetscape, and Public Life Plan	$957,000	($675,000)	V-901	06/19/2018 Ord. No. 30124

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-002, Consultant services for design, study, inspection, or other professional services with no commitment to future action.

/s/
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