
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: 4/1/2013

Subject: **Discussion of Design Contract for Mount Vernon/Vermack Intersection Improvement**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Discussion of Design Contract for Mount Vernon/Vermack Intersection Improvement

BACKGROUND

The City's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, adopted in 2011, identified the improvement of the intersection of Mount Vernon Road and Vermack Road as a high priority project. Analysis of traffic counts taken in late 2010, indicated that the intersection created unacceptable delays (level of service E) during peak traffic periods at that time. The analysis also projected that delays would continue to increase and without improvement, the intersection would operate at the lowest level of service, F, by 2015.

At its January meeting the City Council directed staff to proceed with design work for the intersection. In February a request for proposals (RFP) was issued and eight proposals were received and reviewed by staff from Public Works and Community Development. Based on factors including project understanding, scope, schedule, experience and cost, Mulkey Engineers & Consultants was identified as the highest ranked firm for this project. Mulkey's approach to and demonstrated experience with effective public involvement was a distinguishing factor in the evaluation. A summary of the complete evaluation results is attached to this memo.

FUNDING

There is currently \$175,000 allocated in the budget to design intersection improvements. Accounting for Mulkey's proposed cost and an additional \$14,000 contingency, the remaining \$55,000 balance will be more than adequate to fund concept design for the Chamblee Dunwoody Road and Spalding Drive intersection as directed previously by Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff respectfully requests that Council: (1) award Purchasing Contract 13-01 to Mulkey Engineers & Consultants; (2) authorize staff to provide funding for the contracts including a \$14,000 contingency; and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents following satisfactory review by legal counsel.

RFP 13-01 MOUNT VERNON AT VERMACK INTERSECTION DESIGN

	MS		CC		RK				Total Qualifications
	Qualifications	After Cost	Qualifications	After Cost	Qualifications	After Cost	Before Cost	After Cost	
A&R Engineering, Inc.	70	80	74	84	66	76			210
Michael Baker Jr., Inc.	73	75	71	73	69	71			213
Gresham Smith and Partners	78	79	73	74	84	85			235
Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.	62	68	82	88	58	64			202
Mulkey Engineers & Consultants	74	77	84	87	84	87			242
Precision Planning, Inc.	67	71	69	73	74	78			210
Southeastern Engineering, Inc.	70	74	76	83	84	90			230
Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc.	47	54	63	70	86	93			196

Total With Cost	Proposed Cost
240	\$ 29,900
219	\$ 115,000
238	\$ 136,500
220	\$ 77,227
251	\$ 106,000
222	\$ 92,500
247	\$ 84,700
217	\$ 57,500