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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Michael Smith, Director of Public Works

**Date:** April 22, 2013

**Subject:** **Discussion of Tilly Mill at North Peachtree Design Contract Amendment**

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

Discussion of Tilly Mill at North Peachtree Design contract amendment for stormwater engineering

**BACKGROUND**

In 2011 the Mayor and Council approved a contract with Gresham, Smith and Partners to design improvements for the Tilly Mill Road and North Peachtree Intersection. Public meetings were held in early 2012 and the roadway design reached substantial completion at the end of 2012. The City has now begun right of way acquisition activities.

At the time that this project began it was not common practice for state or local transportation agencies to incorporate stormwater detention and water quality facilities into their roadway design. Since the City began this project, the regulatory environment has evolved and now the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and other local agencies are beginning to consider stormwater management in accordance with state standards already in place for other types of land development.

**FUNDING**

The anticipated cost for stormwater design is \$20,000. Amending the existing design contract would be the most efficient and effective option to allow for design of post-construction stormwater management facilities. One option for funding this additional work would be to utilize a portion of the \$300,000 allocated in the 2013 budget for right of way acquisition.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends approval of a contract amendment for \$20,000 with Gresham, Smith and Partners to plan for stormwater improvements that are consistent with current industry standards.