

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: May 26, 2015

Subject: **Approval of a Contract with Gresham Smith and Partners for the Hammond Drive Corridor Study**

BACKGROUND

Hammond Drive is an important arterial roadway in the Central Perimeter business district which carries over 16,000 vehicles per day near Ashford Dunwoody Road and over 27,000 vehicles daily near State Route 400. In addition to moving cars, the presence of the Dunwoody MARTA station and new housing along the corridor make pedestrian and bicycle connections important for shorter trips. There is a tremendous amount of development activity occurring along the corridor with the State Farm campus, High Street, and the former Goldkist site in Dunwoody and new apartments, the Palisades development and Concourse in Sandy Springs. These developments will put more pressure on the roadway network and will increase usage of the Dunwoody MARTA station.

The Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs) completed a traffic study for Hammond Drive in 2008 that provided a framework for roadway improvements, signal locations and right of way limits that is being applied as projects such as State Farm go through the development review process. Since the 2008 study, the completion of other transportation projects such as the Hammond Drive interchange, changes in development plans and Dunwoody's adoption of its own land use and transportation plans compel a reevaluation of the corridor. Dunwoody has partnered with Sandy Springs to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to evaluate current and future traffic conditions in the Hammond Drive Corridor and develop recommendations to reduce congestion, accommodate non-motorized transportation and develop aesthetic standards. The study area extends from Glenridge Drive in Sandy Springs to Ashford Dunwoody Road in Dunwoody.

The cities received six proposals responsive to the RFP. The proposals were evaluated by two staff members each from Sandy Springs and Dunwoody as well a representative from the PCIDs. The evaluation committee shortlisted two firms, Gresham Smith & Partners and Pond & Company, for interviews based on their project approach, qualifications, previous experience with similar projects and proposed cost. Considering all of these factors and the interview, Gresham Smith & Partners achieved the highest ranking for this project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends award of a contract to Gresham Smith & Partners in the amount of \$84,000 with an additional 10% contingency. The \$84,000 includes the base contract amount of \$79,017 plus up to 10 additional stakeholder meetings with adjacent property owners and other agencies at \$500 each as outlined in the cost proposal. Sandy Springs has committed to participate equally in the cost of the study. The \$42,000 commitment by Dunwoody plus contingency is well within the budgeted amount of \$75,000 for this project.

	Qualifications Score (90 max.)					Qual. Subtotal	Proposed Cost	Cost Score (50 max)	Subtotal	Interview	Final Score
	MS	MDS	CM	MF	JH						
Gresham Smith and Partners	79	79	77	74	80	389	\$ 79,017	45	434	18	452
Pond & Company	78	79	81	74	76	388	\$ 79,000	45	433	16	449
Kimley Horn and Associates	78	77	84	83	75	397	\$ 142,000	25	422		
Michael Baker Jr, Inc.	74	73	75	68	70	360	\$ 70,000	50	410		
Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.	75	74	74	59	70	352	\$ 77,000	45	397		
Design Workshop, Inc.	84	81	71	60	85	381	\$ 256,147	5	386		