

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mindy Sanders, Capital Projects Manager

Date: September 11, 2017

Subject: **Approval of Contract Amendment for the Design and Plan Development of Perimeter Center Parkway Access Ramp (Dunwoody’s Westside Connector)**

BACKGROUND

The city has begun efforts to design a concept for the proposed Perimeter Center Parkway Access Ramp (Dunwoody’s Westside Connector). This project would provide a direct connection to Perimeter Center Parkway and the Central Perimeter area from the westbound exit ramp of I-285. The result would be an improved traffic distribution within this area of the Perimeter Center Improvement Districts and eliminate the challenging weave movement for vehicles from westbound exit ramp who wish to turn left onto Hammond Drive.

The city’s current contract with Wolverton & Associates (W&A) is for \$250,000 primarily to establish a preferred concept and gain necessary approvals from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Federal Highway Authority (FHWA), and the public. The preliminary tasks associated with this initial contract are still ongoing, but have largely been achieved and are ahead of schedule. GDOT has since determined that more detailed traffic studies are needed in order to advance this project and facilitate approvals from FHWA.

Staff requests authorization to increase its contract with W&A to an amount not to exceed \$500,000. This amount will allow the consultant to complete the required supplemental traffic studies plus a contingency amount for other tasks needed to obtain an approved concept.

FUNDING

A total of \$900,000 is currently available to this project including \$200,000 that was funded by the city. It is anticipated that a total of approximately \$1.5 million will be required to obtain completed final plans and construction documents. The scope and cost for subsequent design phases will be refined and brought before City Council once a final concept has been approved.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff respectfully requests that Council: (1) amend Purchasing Contract RFQ 16-04 to Wolverton and Associates; (2) authorize staff to provide funding for the contract as

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outlined above; and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents following satisfactory review by legal counsel.