



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0045

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: May 7, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement for Design Consulting Services for the Las
Olas Corridor Mobility Project (Western Corridor) – WSP USA Inc. -
\$3,499,586.36 - (**Commission District 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for Design Consulting Services for the Las Olas Corridor Mobility Project (Western Corridor) with WSP USA Inc., in the amount of \$3,499,586.36.

Background

On June 15, 2021, the City Commission accepted the Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan – Western Corridor (CAM #21-0627, Resolution No. 21-120) and the Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan – Eastern Corridor (CAM #21-0617, Resolution No. 21-119). These vision plans identified improvements along Las Olas Boulevard from Andrews Avenue to State Road A1A and were broken down into five character areas and grouped into two corridors. The Western Corridor included the Downtown and the Retail Shops while the Eastern Corridor included Colee Hammock, Las Olas Isles, and the Beach.

As the project progressed, the City Commission requested that the character area segments be redefined to have the Eastern Corridor span from SE 17th Avenue to State Road A1A (Las Olas Isles and the Beach) and the Western Corridor span from SE 17th Avenue to Andrews Avenue (Colee Hammock, Retail Shops, Downtown).

On January 17, 2023, the Procurement Services Division issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 12739-1031. The City received Proposals from the following two (2) firms in response to the solicitation, which were opened on March 8, 2023:

1. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
2. WSP USA Inc.

Both firms were reviewed for compliance with the solicitation requirements and deemed responsive and responsible. None of the firms claimed a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status.

On April 12, 2023, the Evaluation Committee heard presentations from both firms. After discussion and consideration, the Evaluation Committee's scores resulted in a tie between both firms.

On May 12, 2023, the Evaluation Committee reconvened to further discuss and consider the proposal responses and rescore. Procurement staff conducted the rescoring process with the Evaluation Committee which produced tie scores again.

Since the Evaluation Committee determined both Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. and WSP USA Inc. to be the highest ranked, responsive, and responsible proposers, staff recommended in the City's best interest to exercise Section 2.17 of the solicitation where it states, "The City reserves the right to award a contract to more than one Consultant as is in the City's best interest", and recommended that the City Commission award the solicitation to both firms and assign a corridor to each.

On May 23, 2023, the City's Procurement Services Division posted a Notice of Intent to Award which prompted the five-day protest period. During the five-day period, the City did not receive any protests.

On June 6, 2023, the City Commission awarded Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 12739-1031 for the Las Olas Corridor Mobility Project to Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. and WSP USA Inc. through CAM #23-0559. City staff, based on feedback from the City Commission, plans to design the Eastern Corridor and the Western Corridor concurrently.

Negotiations with WSP USA Inc. have been completed and it is recommended for the City Commission approve an agreement with WSP USA Inc. for the Las Olas Mobility Project (Western Corridor) from Andrews Avenue to SE 17th Avenue which includes the Downtown, Retail Shops, and Colee Hammock character areas. The proposed agreement with WSP USA Inc. includes:

- **Downtown:** Advances the cross sections identified in the accepted version of the 2021 Las Olas Mobility Vision Plan up to and including 60% design.
- **Retail Shops:** Advances the cross sections identified in the accepted version of the 2021 Las Olas Mobility Vision Plan up to and including 15% design. In addition, a second 15% design concept will be created that retains the medians, modifies the parking lane(s), and expands the sidewalk widths. The two concepts will be presented to the City Commission at a future date to determine the preferred concept. The preferred concept will be advanced from 15% to 60% design.
- **Colee Hammock:** Advances the cross sections identified in the accepted version of the 2021 Las Olas Mobility Vision Plan up to and including 60% design.

Currently, there is no construction funding in place to advance this project from design to construction.

City staff recommends the City Commission approve the proposed agreement with WSP USA Inc. for the Western Corridor. The scope of work and the agreement for the Eastern Corridor are currently being negotiated with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. Once finalized, the Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. agreement will be presented to the City Commission at a future date.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$3,499,586.36.

<i>Funds available as of April 26, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-331-9100-554-60-6534-P12796	LAS OLAS MOBILITY	CAPITAL OUTLAY / CONSULTANT ENGINEERING FEES	\$5,500,000	\$3,499,589.10	\$3,499,586.36
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$3,499,586.36

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Ready

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 1: Ensure the equitable development of a Complete Network for transportation that prioritizes Safety and emphasizes multimodal mobility and accessibility.

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 - Solicitation
- Exhibit 2 - WSP USA Inc. Response
- Exhibit 3 - Resolution No. 21-120
- Exhibit 4 - WSP USA Inc. Agreement

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