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Public Works Committee Agenda Communication

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Agenda Item: Qualifications Based Selection – TAP and SRTS Projects

Explanation: The City was selected for grant funding assistance within the last year for three pedestrian/bicyclist improvement projects: 1) An 8' wide shared use path on the north side of Business Route 24 between Gillman Avenue and Eagle Avenue through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); 2) A 5' wide sidewalk on the north side of Bobolink Drive and on Eagle Avenue in front of Central Intermediate School through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. This project would also overhaul the existing bike rack area and install 20 inverted-U bike racks and construct a concrete pad; and 3) An 8' wide shared use path on the west side of N. Main Street between W. Cruger Road and Washington Middle School and a 4' wide sidewalk on the north side of North Street from N. Main to just west of West Street through SRTS.

In order to proceed with the TAP and SRTS projects, staff would like to proceed with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to select an engineering firm to complete the work. The three projects would be combined into one contract in order to improve efficiency at the approval of IDOT. The desire would be to complete engineering in 2020 and have a job letting and construction sometime in 2021 in order to meet the grant sunset provisions.

The FY 19-20 budget includes \$70,000 for engineering for the TAP project and \$90,000 total for the two SRTS projects. TAP is an 80/20 (federal/local) program up to its cap at \$293,959 and the intention has been to largely use local funds for the engineering as has been done with past projects. SRTS is 100% funded up to \$200,000 per project. As with TAP, local funds would principally be used for engineering with much of the grant applied towards the construction.

Fiscal Impact: The FY 19-20 Capital Improvement Program includes \$70,000 for engineering for the TAP project and \$90,000 for the two SRTS projects.

Action Requested: Staff requests a recommendation to proceed with an RFQ process to select an engineering firm to complete the work.