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Public Works Committee Agenda Communication

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Agenda Item: Freedom Parkway Phase I Engineering Consultant Recommendation

Explanation: A Request for Qualifications for the completion of Phase I engineering for the remainder of Freedom Parkway was released prior to Christmas and with a deadline of January 17. The hope is to complete Phase I engineering near the end of 2020 and then transition into Phase II thereafter in early 2021. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the desire will be to complete the plan design in the first half of 2021 to allow for some construction to commence later in 2021.

Nine firms submitted statements of qualifications. Most of these firms have considerable experience with similar types of projects that would be designed to meet federal specifications in order to ensure that the road is eligible for Surface Transportation Block Grant funds through the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Staff anticipates a call for projects for the FY 2023-24 cycle as early as February and would be submitting an application for funding for much of the remaining construction with the possible exception of roughly the eastern 30% of the road, which could be expedited solely using local funds.

Staff recommends Terra Engineering to complete the Phase I engineering.

Fiscal Impact: While a draft contract has not been completed, it is anticipated that the Phase I engineering will cost roughly 10% of the total construction, which is currently estimated at about \$3.1 million. The FY 19-20 budget includes \$165,000 for engineering for Freedom and Lakeshore Drive, so staff will plan on allocating for the remainder in the FY 20-21 budget as well as the anticipated amount for Phase II engineering to allow for that to start upon completion of Phase I.

Action Requested: Staff requests feedback on the Phase I engineering selection prior to seeking approval of the contract at an upcoming City Council meeting, likely on February 17.