LYNX Silver Line Design and Environmental Services

Action:
A. Approve a contract with WSP USA Inc. for professional design and environmental services related to the LYNX Silver Line Light Rail project for up to $50,000,000, and
B. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Staff Resource(s):
John Lewis, CATS
Kelly Goforth, CATS
Andy Mock, CATS

Explanation
- On February 27, 2019, the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) adopted a locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the LYNX Silver Line in the southeast and west corridors. The LPA consists of light rail transit from the Town of Matthews to Uptown Charlotte, out to the Charlotte Douglas International Airport, and the Town of Belmont in Gaston County. The project extends through Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6.
- The MTC also requested that CATS determine the feasibility of extending the LPA to the Town of Stallings in Union County.
- The first phase of work includes refining the LPA, preparing design plans, and beginning the environmental process. Council approval for future phases will be required.
- On June 19, 2019, the city issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ); three responses were received.
- WSP USA Inc. is the best qualified firm to meet the city’s needs on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification of professional services in response to the RFQ requirements.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
Established DBE Goal: 11.7%
Committed DBE Goal: 11.7%

WSP USA Inc. has agreed to meet the established subcontracting goal using the following certified firms.
- Neighboring Concepts (DBE) (Facilities and Station Design)
- Three Oaks (DBE) (Environmental Analysis, Traffic Analysis)
- ASG Planning (DBE) (Transportation Analysis, Transit Interface)
- HMMH (DBE) (Air Quality, Noise and Variation)
- New South Associates (DBE) (Historic and Archaeological resources)

Fiscal Note
Funding: CATS Capital Investment Program
LYNX Silver Line Transit-Oriented Development Planning Services

Action:
A. Approve a contract with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. for LYNX Silver Line Transit-Oriented Development Planning Services for up to $1,150,000, and
B. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Staff Resource(s):
John Lewis, CATS
John Howard, CATS
Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Planning, Design and Development

Explanation
- In December 2018, the city was awarded a $920,000 Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grant from the Federal Transit Administration to plan for development along the proposed LYNX Silver Line light rail line. The study area includes the cities of Gastonia, Belmont and Charlotte and the Towns of Matthews, Stallings, and Indian Trail. Within the City of Charlotte, the project extends through Council districts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6.
- The Silver Line TOD Planning Services contract will provide a framework for TOD in proposed station areas. The scope of work includes four primary tasks:
  - Community Education and Engagement: conduct public outreach on station area planning and development, including developer outreach, affordable housing roundtable, and community and neighborhood workshops;
  - TOD Readiness Report: conduct market analysis, evaluate TOD opportunities in station areas, and identify long-term development strategies including affordable housing;
  - Transit Station Area Plans: conduct station area planning including future land use and zoning recommendations and prepare illustrative plans; and
  - Implementation Strategy: define action steps and strategies for proactive implementation of TOD, including critical infrastructure needs, regulatory tools, and corridor preservation.
- On August 2, 2019, the city issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); seven responses were received.
- Kittelson & Associates, Inc. best meets the city’s needs in terms of qualifications, experience, proposed approach, cost, and responsiveness to the RFP requirements.
- The Silver Line TOD Planning project is a partnership between the City of Charlotte, the Town of Matthews, Town of Stallings, Town of Indian Trail, City of Belmont, and City of Gastonia. Grant matching funds are being provided by the City of Charlotte ($200,000), the City of Belmont ($10,000), and the City of Gastonia ($20,000). In-kind contributions of staff time have also been committed by all the partners ($458,000).

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
Established DBE Goal: 8.8%
Committed DBE Goal: 8.8%
Kittelson & Associates, Inc. has agreed to meet the established subcontracting goal using the following
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certified firms:
  - TransLink Consulting, LLC
  - Neighboring Concepts, PLLC

Fiscal Note
Funding: CATS Operating Budget