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MEMORANDUM

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To: Brian Stineman Public Works Director
FROM: Jim Edgmond, City Engineer
DATE: November 01, 2017
RE: West Side Trail Route Study

INTRODUCTION:

One of the projects contained in the recently awarded "CAT Pearls of Progress" grant is the West Side Trail. This trail is to connect the trail at Houser Street to the trail system at Discovery Park. This trail will connect a two significant trails making it one large City's trail system. Federal funds will be used in this project so it must be developed by going through the steps of preliminary design, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearances, final design and then construction that follows the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and the Buy American Act.

BACKGROUND:

The City has solicited proposals for a study to select a route for the trail because the selection of the trail route can have big impacts on the money spent for property acquisition and NEPA clearances. Ten proposals were received and a selection committee comprised of staff from the City and the County selected the team of Steve Ford LA-Martin Whitacre for the study. This study will provide options for the trail route that will minimize the property acquisition needed for the trail, minimize the work needed to get the NEPA clearances so that the project can be done under a categorical exclusion, and allow for public input into the route planning process. It is anticipated that this route study will be completed by the spring of 2018.

Award of Trail Route Study:

The total cost of the consultant's proposal is \$37,500.00. This proposal has been reviewed by Public Works staff and the selection committee and the Steve Ford-Martin Whitacre team is recommended to the City Council for award for this study.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Recommend city council approve this proposal from Steve Ford-Martin Whitacre team in the amount of \$37,500.00

BACKUP INFORMATION:

1. Proposal is available for review at City Engineers office.

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on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**