

Fiscal Comments
Commission Meeting
August 22, 2023
Regular Meeting

Policy Report PWD No, 23-36

Consider Approval of the Scope and Fee with Wilson & Company for the Downtown ADA Intersection Ramp Project
City Project No. 2023-025

During the 2023 Annual Budget and CIP process, the City Commission approved \$192,500 for the 2023 Sidewalk Program and \$116,000 for the 2023 Curb Program. The City is developing a transition plan for public infrastructure to remove access barriers to downtown businesses. Included in this plan will be upgrading the downtown intersection ramps to meet current Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (ADA PROWAG).

The City of Leavenworth requested a scope and fee from Wilson & Company for the design of approximately 100 ADA accessible ramps in the downtown area. Project limits are Choctaw (south), Seneca (North, Esplanade (east) and Broadway (west). The design fee for Wilson & Company for the Downtown ADA Intersection Ramp Project is \$39,750. This amount will be paid from the 2023 CIP Sidewalk and/or Curb Project funds. The actual replacement of the ramps will take place over a number of years.

Staff recommends approval of the contract with Wilson & Company for the design of the Downtown ADA Intersection Ramp Project in an amount not to exceed \$39,750.

Policy Report PWD No. 23-37

Consider Approval of Supplemental Design Services with Bartlett & West Engineers Company for the Vilas Street Sidewalk Improvements
City Project No, 2022-997

On January 10, 2023, the City Commission approved Contract No. 2023-02, with Bartlett & West, for design services for the Vilas Street Sidewalk Improvement Project. The contract amount that was approved is \$198,666, which will be funded with Federal Fund Exchange funds.

The project was selected to receive a Federal TA award for 80% of the \$1,582,300 project. The Federal TA award amount will be for \$1,265,840. The local share of the project will be \$316,460 (20%). The Federal TA award is only available for construction and construction inspection costs. Therefore, the City is financially responsible for the rest of the costs of the project including the preliminary engineering, design, right-of-way, and utility relocations.

The design work under Contract No.2023-02 is progressing and the field check with City staff and KDOT is complete. The field check identified a number of additional properties where easements are needed. If these easements are obtained, fewer retaining walls will be required and overall construction costs would be reduced. The trade-off is that there will be some additional design and acquisition costs associated with these easements. The total cost for design will increase by \$40,158 from \$198,666 to \$238,824. The cost of the additional services will be funded with Federal Fund Exchange funds.

Staff recommends approval of the additional design services with Bartlett & West for the Vilas Street ADA and Sidewalk Upgrades Project in an amount not to exceed \$40,158.