



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: JUNE 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Authorization to Execute Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc.
RFP #22-2023 Virginia/Red Mile/Forbes Trail Connectivity Safety Study

Request: Council authorization to execute Consultant Service Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. to identify a preferred alignment for a continuous shared use path from the University of Kentucky to the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood following the Virginia Ave, Red Mile Rd and South Forbes Rd corridor at a cost not to exceed \$149,000.

Purpose of Request: On February 9, 2023 (Resolution 048-2023), Council authorized acceptance of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant – Lexington (STBG-SLX) funds for the Virginia/Red Mile/Forbes Trail Connectivity and Safety Study. On April 3, 2023, the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) issued RFP #22-2023 seeking proposals from qualified professional engineering and landscape architecture firms to identify a preferred alignment for a continuous shared use path from the University of Kentucky to the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood following the Virginia Ave, Red Mile Rd and South Forbes Rd corridor. The selected consultant shall:

- Create and assess alternatives for a trail alignment along the corridor and present a final preferred alignment based on feasibility, public input, and City feedback.
- Identify roadway and traffic-related improvements needed for greater multimodal safety in the vicinity of major intersections along the corridor.
- Develop cost estimates for design, right of way, utility relocation and construction of the shared use path and a recommended phasing plan.
- Conduct public outreach efforts, including digital outreach, with an emphasis on reaching diverse audiences.
- Provide project administration services including billing, status updates, project meetings, schedule tracking, and sub-consultant management.

Three (3) proposals were submitted in response to RFP #22-2023. The Selection Committee recommended Clark Dietz, Inc., as the most qualified consultant to conduct the scope of work.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: Total cost in FY 2024 is \$149,000. There are no anticipated planning costs in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, 3160-160705-0001-71299; \$134,000 and 3160-160705-0001-82301; \$15,000 VIRGNA_TRL_2023

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Director/Commissioner: Duncan/Atkins

