

MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee
FROM: Eric Williams, Natural Resources Planner
DATE: March 8, 2019
SUBJECT: Platte River Bridge Trail
Selection of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Services
Selection of Professional Engineering (PE) Services

The District has collaborated with Bellevue, Plattsmouth, Lower Platte South NRD, Sarpy County, Cass County, the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT, formerly Nebraska Department of Roads), and the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) on design and construction of a trail connection parallel to US Highway 34/75 over the Platte River, see the attached map. In January, the District signed a Program Agreement with NDOT for this project.

To complete the final aspects of this trail project, two additional consultant services need to be retained by the District. A contract for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and another for Professional Engineering (PE) services are needed.

According to NDOT guidelines, the District needs to select a consultants from the NDOT On-Call lists. Firms have previously submitted a Statement of Qualifications related to their experience for environmental permitting, and professional engineering design services related to trails and bridges. Management has reviewed the qualifications and is recommending that HDR Engineering Inc. be retained to provide NEPA services and that the Schemmer Associates be retained to provide PE Services.

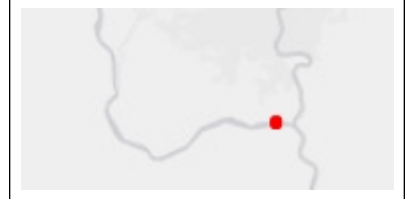
Selecting consultants for NEPA and Professional Engineering services is following a timeline to deliver the project in federal fiscal year 2021 when federal aid funding is available.

- **Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that policy 15.2 Purchasing – Professional Services be waived, and that the General Manager be authorized to send notification to NDOT to negotiate with HDR Engineering Inc. for NEPA services related to the Platte River Bridge Trail.**
- **Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that policy 15.2 Purchasing – Professional Services be waived, and that the General Manager be authorized to send notification to NDOT to negotiate with the Schemmer Associated for Professional Engineering services related to the Platte River Bridge Trail.**

Attachment 1, US Highway 34 Bike and Walking Trail



Location



Sarpy County GIS



1210 Golden Gate Dr.
Suite 1130
Papillion, NE 68046
maps.sarpy.com

Legend

Project location
shown in green

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On-Call Professional Services
Consultant Selection Memo
Local Projects

To: File
From: LPA RC,
Project Name:
Project No.
Control No.
On-Call Service:

When requesting on-call professional service, the LPA RC will consider each selected firm's original proposal along with any performance data on file with the NDOT. A list of the on-call professional services and available firms, associated proposals, and consultant evaluations can be provided by the NDOT RC upon request.

Selected Firm:

I have reviewed the appropriate information and have given all the firms a fair and reasonable consideration for this project.

I have selected the above referenced firm because of the following: *(select appropriate choices)*

- Professional qualifications of the firm
- Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required
- Past performances of similar types of work
- Capacity of firm to perform the work in a timely manner
- To fulfill the minimum guarantee as stated in Consultant's Master Agreement
- Other *(please list)*

Approved:

Local Public Agency, Responsible Charge

Date

Local Projects Section, Project Coordinator

Date