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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
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From: Edward R. Venable, Manager of Engineering and Stormwater
Subject: NCDOT Municipal Agreement for the Replacement of Bridge Number 318 over Campus Drive on US 70 Business (B-3638)

Executive Summary

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has prepared and adopted plans to replace Bridge Number 318 over Campus Drive on US 70 Business (West Main Street) under Project B-3638. There are existing City waterlines attached to the Bridge. The City and NCDOT have agreed to evenly split (50/50) the costs associated with relocating the attached utility lines. This Municipal Agreement establishes the cost sharing agreement, for the relocation of City utility lines, between the City and NCDOT. A separate Utility Relocation Agreement will quantify the cost once the project cost has been estimated.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with NCDOT for the Bridge Replacement over Campus Drive project (B-3638) to accept the proposal to evenly split cost sharing (50/50) associated with the relocation of the City's utility lines.

Background

NCDOT project B-3638 includes plans to replace Bridge Number 318 over Campus Drive on US 70 Business (West Main Street).

The Municipal Agreement stipulates that a separate Utility Agreement will be entered into that will address utility line relocations and adjustments. The utility lines within US 70 Business (West Main Street) and attached to the bridge are owned and operated by the City of Durham. These existing utility lines are in conflict with the proposed bridge replacement. NCDOT and the City have agreed to share the financial responsibility evenly (50/50) to relocate these utilities.

Issues/Analysis

The NCDOT is replacing the Bridge over Campus Drive on US 70 Business (West Main Street). City waterlines will need to be relocated. A separate Utility Agreement will be entered into that will address utility line relocations and adjustments.

Alternatives

An alternative to executing the attached Municipal Agreement is to do nothing. Doing so will delay NCDOT's project Let date.

Financial Impact

This Municipal Agreement establishes the division of Financial Responsibility for the relocation of City of Durham owned utility lines. NCDOT and the City will evenly share the financial cost (50/50). Once the estimate is completed a separate Utility Relocation Agreement will be prepared and submitted.

SDBE Summary

This item does not require review by the Equal Opportunity/ Equity Assurance Department.

Attachments

Project Location Map

Municipal Agreement

NCDOT Cost Sharing Agreement Letter Dated December 12, 2011