



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Alderman

From: Reanna Mayoral, P.E., City Engineer *RM*

CC:

Date: January 15, 2019

Re: Request for Project Activation from MDOT for Bramlett-South 18th TA project

Staff requests that the Board authorize the Mayor to request activation of a project for pedestrian improvements to portions of South 18th/Bramlett Boulevard. The City has been notified that the Mississippi Transportation Commission has approved our grant application for up to \$167,000 in Federal Transportation Alternative (TA) Program funds to complete sidewalk along South 18th Street/Bramlett Boulevard from University Avenue to Jefferson Avenue. This project has been a priority for the Pathways Commission as it completes the pedestrian corridor from Avent Park to Belk Boulevard and provides direct pedestrian access to Oxford Middle School and the Old Armory Pavilion for transit services and the Oxford Community Market. The Pathways Commission played a key role in this project as they recognized the need, encouraged funding, and maintained awareness of the necessity for complete streets in this area.

The project requires a 20% match from the City, which will be \$41,805.00. The project was not budgeted for in the current budget year because we thought the award cycle for the TA funds was over and we had not received funding. However, there is a small balance available in the capital outlay budget for miscellaneous projects that can be used for this project this year. Further, it is not expected that construction on this project, and therefore an expenditure of funds, can occur before the beginning of the next Fiscal year due to the amount of time required by the LPA process. Staff will request funding specifically for this project in the capital outlay budget for FY 2019-2020.

There are funds available in the current budget for the professional services for the engineering design and plan development. These funds are separate from the \$41,805.00 required for construction. Should the Board authorize the Mayor to request activation of the project, Staff will recommend that the Board hire Elliott & Britt to provide engineering services for this project. Elliott & Britt is familiar with the MDOT LPA process, capable of meeting all deadlines and requirements, and performed the engineering for the Pathways Phase 2 project, which made improvements on the opposite side of South 18th Street.

Staff requests that the Board authorize the Mayor to request activation of the Transportation Alternative project for pedestrian improvements on South 18th/Bramlett Boulevard.



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