



Legislation Text

File #: 2869-2016, **Version:** 1

Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Moody Engineering, Inc. for the design and engineering services for the Shepard Connector to the Alum Creek Trail.

The Shepard Connector to the Alum Creek Trail will build a 0.5 mile direct connection to the regional trail from Leonard Avenue. The project would be built along an abandoned rail corridor owned by Recreation and Parks between Leonard Avenue and the Alum Creek Trail at Hayden Park. Construction of the project will be partially funded by Clean Ohio Trails Fund (ODNR).

The North Central area of Columbus has been seriously underserved in the development of trails and greenways. In October of 2015, the 22 mile Alum Creek Trail was completed, and has become popular with families, fitness walkers, and cyclists. Although this regional trail passes directly by the Shepard and St. Mary's neighborhoods in the central city, there are no hard connections yet. This project provides local residents with two direct connections to the trail and the expanding regional trail network.

The costs for this project will be \$125,360.00.

Proposals were advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on September 15, 2016 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on October 7, 2016. Proposals were received from the following companies:

Company

Moody Engineering (Columbus. MBE)
JMT (Columbus)
OHM (Columbus)
Stantec (Columbus)
Patrick Engineering (Columbus)
Prime AE (Columbus)
Carpenter/Marty (Columbus)
2 LMN (Columbus)
Korda Nemeth (Columbus)
FTC & H (Columbus)

After evaluation of the proposals, it was recommended that Moody Engineering be selected to perform the work. The firm was chosen based on their reference projects, experience, qualifications, availability, timeline, and project approach.

Principal Parties:

Moody Engineering, Inc.
300 Spruce Street, Columbus, OH 43215
David Moody 614-280-9355
47-2705027
Exp. Date 7/31/18

Benefits to the Public: Cycling, walking, running, and active trail uses provide highly recognized year-round benefits to urban lifestyles. Access to trails and to key destinations is one of the top rated priorities noted by residents.

Community Input Issues: The Shepard community and near north east side of the city has been engaged in developing the grant application and project outcomes. This project addresses a consistent public request that direct neighborhood connections be built to provide safe, easy connectivity to cycling and walking opportunities.

Area(s) Affected: Shepard and St. Mary's neighborhoods (14)

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors and providing safe east/west connections for nearby neighborhoods to the regional trail network.

Fiscal Impact: \$125,360.00 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Moody Engineering, Inc. for the design and engineering services for the Shepard Connector to the Alum Creek Trail; to authorize the expenditure of \$125,360.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702. (\$125,360.00)

WHEREAS, the North Central area of Columbus has been seriously underserved in the development of trails and greenways. In October of 2015, the 22 mile Alum Creek Trail was completed, and has become popular with families, fitness walkers, and cyclists. Although this regional trail passes directly by the Shepard and St. Mary's neighborhoods in the central city, there are no hard connections yet. This project provides local residents with two direct connections to the trail and the expanding regional trail network; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$125,360.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702;

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Recreation and Parks to authorize and direct the Director to enter into contract with Moody Engineering, Inc. for the design and engineering services for the Shepard Connector to the Alum Creek Trail; **now, therefore**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with Moody Engineering, Inc. for the design and engineering services for the Shepard Connector to the Alum Creek Trail.

SECTION 2. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 3. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 5. For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of 125,360.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.