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## Memorandum 22-118

TO: Mayor Castner and City Council  
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
FROM: Janette Keiser, PE, Director of Public Works  
DATE: June 21, 2022  
SUBJECT: Task Orders for Construction of W. Fairview Ave. Path

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I. **Issue:** The purpose of this Memorandum is to recommend award of a contract to construct the W. Fairview Avenue Path.

### II. **Background:**

Ordinance 22-25 appropriated \$850,000 to the Non-Motorized Transportation Opportunity Program and Resolution 22-053 authorized a Task Order for Bishop Engineering, LLC, to design the W. Fairview Avenue Path as part of the Non-Motorized Transportation Opportunity Program. The opportunity exists because there is a residential subdivision currently being constructed around the alignment of the W. Fairview Avenue Path. We fast-tracked the design of the path so we could leverage this opportunity. Bishop produced a preliminary design in record time.

We submitted the design to two contractors, Arno Construction, the contractor which is building the subdivision roads and utility lines, and East Road Services, Inc., the contractor with which the City has an IDIQ contract to provide services that are very similar to the services required for the path. The low bid was returned by \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This gets us an extended 10' wide gravel shoulder on the north side of W. Fairview Avenue that can be used by bicycles and pedestrians. It will be a bare-bones path – no curb, no gutters, no pavement, and no concrete. We can add these features later, as funds become available. The important thing now is to get the earthwork done as cost-effectively as possible.

The lion's share of the cost is related to the replacement of six existing fire hydrants. The hydrants need to be moved because they currently lie in what would be in the middle of the path. The hydrants are old and subject to breakage, which is exactly what happened to the fire hydrant on Bunnell Avenue when the "3-alarm" fire occurred several weeks ago. This could have been a disaster! The hydrants are so old, that we can no longer get replacement parts for them. They must be replaced if we are to maintain the City's ISO fire insurance rating. If we have to move the hydrants, we might as well replace them with new, fully functional equipment.

After what happened on Bunnell Ave, we introduced a Hydrant Replacement Plan in the Water Capital Improvement Program, to be funded by the Water CARMA Account. We might as well start with the six hydrants on W. Fairview Avenue. Thus, we propose a budget adjustment that will transfer funds to replace the hydrants from the Water CARMA Account to the HART Non-Motorized Transportation Opportunity Program. This ensures that expenses related to repair/replacement of water utility infrastructure reside in their proper account and that the Non-Motorized Transportation Opportunity Program is not diluted by utility-related expenses.

**III. Recommendations:**

1. That the City Council authorize a contract to \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, to construct the W. Fairview Avenue Path.
2. That the City Council authorize funding from the Water CARMA in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ be transferred to the HART Fund's Non-Motorized Transportation Opportunity Fund, to cover the costs to replace six fire hydrants.