

**Fiscal Comments**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**May 14, 2024**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Policy Report PWD No. 24-24**

**Consider Award of a Design Services Contract with Merge Midwest Engineering for Federal-Aid Safety Program Improvements at the Intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and Limit**

**City Project No: 2022-980**

**KDOT Project No: N-0752-01**

The City has received an offer letter from KDOT stating that we are eligible for up to \$1,000,000 in funding for a 90/10 grant that covers the construction and construction engineering for the improvement of the intersection at 10<sup>th</sup> and Limit, one of the City's high crash locations. The project will be funded in Federal fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

The City used the Qualifications Base Selections process to select the engineers for the project design. The City posted a Request for Qualifications for design consultants and emailed the request to six (6) firms. The City received two proposals:

- Merge Midwest Engineering with JEO Consulting Group
- Affinis Corporation

City Staff reviewed and scored the two (2) submittals and identified Merge Midwest as the top firm. City staff worked with Merge Midwest to negotiate a detailed project scope of services along with an engineering fee for the work.

The engineering design work is a non-participating cost for the Federal-Safety Program, therefore the City will be responsible for the cost of the design. The design fee is a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,343.62. The current estimated total project cost is \$1,520,000. Funding for the City's portion of the project is available in the Grant Matching Capital Projects Fund.

Staff recommends that the City Commission authorize the Mayor to sign a Design Services Contract with merge Midwest Engineering for the safety improvements to the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and Limit in the amount of \$150,343.62.