



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: SUSAN LEE, PLANNING MANAGER

RE: RESOLUTION 23-13: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TOOLE DESIGN GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 30% DESIGN FOR THE GRANITE STREET CORRIDOR PER THE COMPLETE STREETS PLAN

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Summary and Background: In March of 2022, Town Council adopted the Downtown Complete Streets Plan. Both the Community Plan and the Frisco Trails Master Plan include goals related to improving the Town's multi-modal transportation network, preserving the community's walkability, and the development of complete street policies in order to improve opportunities for safe and efficient multi-modal transportation. The adopted Complete Streets Plan outlines the specific goals, policies, and projects needed to transform the existing street network into an enhanced system. Key elements of the plan include:

- Proposed cross section designs for downtown streets. There are four distinct street types based on adjacent uses and connectivity.
- Policy recommendations to support plan recommendations for private development. The policy changes range from adopting and incorporating the Downtown Complete Streets Plan street types and cross section designs to updating dimensional requirements and other design details.
- A prioritized list of projects intended to take the plan from concept to completion. These include quick-build, lower cost projects, such as stop sign reconfigurations, to transformative projects that are larger multi-year projects that phasing for design and implementation.

Staff worked in conjunction with Toole Design Group on the development of the Downtown Complete Streets Plan. Pursuant to the discussion with Council at the February 8, 2022 meeting, staff utilized unspent contract funds from the Complete Streets plan to pursue two of the recommended quick-build projects: the redesign of the 2nd Ave/Granite Street intersection, and stop sign reconfiguration along Granite Street. The community identified these projects as an important safety concern during the public outreach process. The traffic studies and designs for these two projects were completed in the fall of 2022 and will be implemented in the spring of 2023 as weather conditions allow.

During the community outreach process, the highest priority among community members was reconstruction of Granite Street. The plan identifies the 30% design of Granite Street as the highest priority among medium-term projects for achieving the plan's goals. The development of

30% design drawing will aid in budgeting, project development, and better position the Town for funding opportunities to implement this transformative project.

Analysis: The 30% level of design offers the most cost effective way to study the conceptual plans in more detail without incurring the expenses associated with full engineering designs. The design, and the associated opinions of probable cost, will help the Town determine how much funding will be needed for full design and construction as well as provide the information needed to make future decisions about phasing and implementation.

Toole Design Group is a planning, engineering, and landscape architecture firm specializing in multimodal transportation and Complete Street design. They have been working on multimodal transportation projects in Colorado since 2010 and have completed projects in numerous municipalities across the United States including Denver, Snowmass, and Beverly Hills, California. Staff has been working closely with the Toole Design Group over the past two years on the development of the Downtown Complete Streets Plan and the quick-build projects identified in the plan. Their team has proven themselves to be highly skilled at identifying community goals and developing design solutions that are appropriate for our unique environment.

Based on their extensive work experience with complete streets that demonstrates their specialized skills and exceptional qualifications in the field; and their deep understanding of community goals and the unique physical attributes of Frisco which demonstrates their special knowledge and experience; staff is recommending Council approve a sole source contract with Toole Design Group for the development of the 30% design for the Granite Street corridor.

The proposed scope of work includes: project management; public engagement consisting of two stakeholder meetings, a general public open house, and two public meetings; data collection; development of 30% design plans including preliminary concepts and cross-section options and final 30% plans. Toole anticipates the project taking six months to complete.

In anticipation of future development along Madison Avenue and South 7th Avenue, Toole has provided estimates for adding either of these blocks to the scope of work. As the initial scope of work for Granite Street progresses, the Town will have the option to develop 30% designs for these blocks for an additional cost of \$25,000 each. These additions may prove useful if there is a desire to complete right-of-way changes on these streets in conjunction with the Granite Park development or private development on Madison Avenue. Future changes to the proposed contract would be brought before Council as a contract amendment.

Financial Impact: The contract with Toole Design for the development of a 30% design for the Granite Street corridor is for a cost not to exceed \$129,960. The 2023 budget allocates \$250,000 for Complete Streets (20-2000-5104).

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The development of a complete streets plan and multi-modal improvements for the downtown core, specifically Granite and Galena Streets, is a Strategic Priority for the Inclusive Community component of the 2020-2021 Strategic Plan.

Environmental Sustainability: Complete street designs help reduce the environmental impact of the road network. Most notably, complete streets promote low-emission travel through the provision of improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities and increased transit ridership. Complete

street design can also incorporate improved storm water management through bio-swales and other landscape elements.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 23-13: A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Toole Design Group for the Development of a 30% Design for the Granite Street Corridor per the Frisco Downtown Complete Streets Plan.

Reviews and Approvals: This report has been reviewed and approved by:

Don Reimer, Community Development Director
Leslie Edwards, Finance Director
Diane McBride, Recreation Director/Assistant Town Manager

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Resolution 23-13: A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Toole Design Group for the Development of a 30% Design for the Granite Street Corridor per the Frisco Downtown Complete Streets Plan
- Attachment 2 – Contract for Goods and Services with Toole Design Group
- Attachment 3 - Pages from Frisco Downtown Complete Streets Plan Illustrating the Granite Street Concept