



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: EMILY WEBER, PRINCIPAL PLANNER

**RE: UPDATE ON THE GRANITE STREET 30% DESIGN: DRAFT OF 30% DESIGN PLANS AND
PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

DATE: AUGUST 8, 2023

Summary and Background: In March of 2022, Town Council adopted the Downtown Complete Streets Plan ("Plan") to address a need identified in both the Community Plan and the Frisco Trails Master Plan. Both plans 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.

Staff worked in conjunction with Toole Design Group on the development of the Downtown Complete Streets Plan. During the community outreach process, the highest priority among community members was reconstruction of Granite Street. The Plan identified 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 drawings aid in budgeting, project development, and better position the Town for funding opportunities in implementing this transformative project.

Resolution 23-13 was approved by the Town Council on February 14, 2023, which approved an agreement with Toole Design Group to develop the 30% design of Granite Street. The 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 Design Group started the design process in March 2023 and is anticipated to complete the design by the end of the year.

On June 14, 2023, the Town of Frisco in conjunction with Toole Design Group held a stakeholder meeting and a public open house to inform community members of the progress of the project and receive public comments. Comments from the both the stakeholder meeting and the open house are included in the attachments of this staff report. The Town of Frisco and Toole Design Group are continuing to review comments and address them within the context of the 30% Design Plan.

After several months of data collection and analysis, Toole Design Group has a draft of the 30% Design Plans and a preliminary opinion of probable cost of construction. Toole Design Group will provide the Council with an update on the project thus far on the August 8th work session.

Analysis: After completing the 30% Design Plans, the next steps would be to contract for 100% construction documents and budget for construction. Based on the plans thus far, Toole Design Group anticipates the cost to get to 100% construction documents to be approximately \$600,000. The complete cost of construction of Granite Street has been included in the packet as Attachment 4 - 30% Level Engineers Opinion of Probable Construction Cost. This document states an estimated total construction cost of ~\$9,620,000.

Toole Design Group is contracted to complete the 30% Design Plans by the end of the year. This update on August 8th provides Town Council the opportunity to discuss next steps to keep the project moving forward.

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. In June, the contract underwent a contract amendment to include preliminary storm drainage plans with the 30% design for Granite Street, adding \$8,700 to the total amount. The 2023 budget allocates \$250,000 for Complete Streets (20-2000-5104). There are no proposed additional financial impacts with the 30% Design Plans.

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.

Goal: Complete Granite and Galena Complete Streets Plan

- *Obtain visionary direction from Town Council*
- *Select design consultant through RFP process*
- *Host public outreach meetings, gather Town Council and community input, present conceptual designs for construction options*
- *Present Council proposed UDC Code Amendment to incorporate plans*

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 the Town Council review and discuss the draft 30% Design Plans, the cost to achieve 100% design plans in 2024, and the preliminary opinion of probable cost of construction, with an emphasis on what it would take to keep the project moving forward. Two questions are posed to Council:

- Does the Council support Staff proposing \$600,000 in the 2024 budget to move forward to contract for 100% construction documents? Once 100% construction documents are complete, the next step would be to anticipate and budget for construction.
- Does the Council have any outstanding concerns they would like to ensure Staff and Toole Design address prior to completion of the 30% design plans?

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

Katie Kent, Community Development Director
Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager
Tom Fisher, Town Manager
Leslie Edwards, Finance Director

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Contract for Goods and Services with Toole Design Group dated February 14, 2023
Attachment 2 – Comments from the Stakeholder Meeting and Public Open House
Attachment 3 – Draft 30% Design Plans, from Toole Design Group
Attachment 4 – 30% Level Engineers Opinion of Probable Construction Cost