

**Item 23-0586: Approve the three-party engineering design services contract between the City of Appleton, Wisconsin DOT and Ayres Associates Inc. for the design of Lawe Street (College Avenue to Wisconsin Ave)**

**Municipal Services Committee**

Mon, May 22, 2023, 4:30PM

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 01:21**

We have no public hearings or appearances this evening. And we'll start with action item 23-0586 to approve the three-party engineering design services contract between the city of Appleton, Wisconsin DOT and Ayres Associates Incorporated for the design of Lawe Street (College Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue). Compensation for the authorized services for this contract shall not exceed \$439,934.38 with the Wisconsin DOT responsible for \$339,441 and the city responsible for \$100,493.38. Funding cap determined by the previously approved state municipal agreement for a state LET urbanized area, STP urban pros—program project. Do we have a motion?

**Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:17**

Move to approve.

**Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 02:19**

Second.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:19**

We have a motion to approve and a second. Any discussion? Alder Meltzer.

**Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:25**

Thank you. So, I continue to be excited to see this moving forward. My district is very, very interested and invested in this Lawe street project. There were some concerns that were shared with me by my constituents that I want to just kind of go over for the public record here. This document does not talk about evaluating alternative truck routes. Maybe when I'm done speaking, Director Block could speak to that a little bit. Also, it does mention bike lanes that we're looking at, that they would be looking at the situation with or without bike lanes, and I just want to reiterate that putting bike lanes on Lawe Street with heavy truck traffic doesn't work. And we're very concerned about maintaining the street trees. There's also a lot of interest or concern about placemaking, such as neighborhood signage and landscaping and pedestrian enhancement for some of the crossings.

**Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:32**

Also, only one public meeting was identified in the schedule. I really appreciate the city staff will be facilitating other meetings separate from the one that's identified in this contract. But yeah, I think that maybe just hearing from Director Block about some of these things, so that those in district two and in District Four are eagerly awaiting this information.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 04:00**

Director Block?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 04:02**

Thank you. To address a couple of the concerns, I did relay the message that the truck route analysis mainly be done by city staff—so traffic engineer in our engineering department, looking at the evaluation of the truck

routes. Once we have the designer on board, some pieces of that would be a collaborative effort and will certainly play into determining the ultimate typical section and design layout for Lawe street. So, it's going to be one of those first decisions that need to occur early, but the bulk of that work would be done by city staff.

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 04:38**

The one required public information meeting in there is a WisDOT requirement. The city still will have the design hearings and committee meetings related to Lawe Street, and city staff would still also be willing to facilitate the Lawe Street design meetings. We had ComDev in those previous meetings, and we can continue those and will do so and then relay the feedback received in those meetings to the consultant at each one of these check in points as well. So, you can see there's a 30% check in, a 60%, and a 90% for the design.

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 05:15**

You're correct when we look at the typical section, bike lanes versus no bike lanes, street width, things of that nature, will all be handled about that 6—30 to 60% design stage. Once the design report—the DSR design study report, as it's called in the contract—finalizes those details. That comes around 60%, which again, I think it's July of 2024. So, we're a ways out. I think it's a good framework for what the consultant will be responsible for. It keeps those lines clear and then what city staff is providing as we work our way through this project.

**Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 05:56**

Thank you. I really appreciate the clarification and also the timeline. I think that having a sense of the timeline will help my constituents to understand how to funnel their feedback at the appropriate time.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 06:11**

Any other questions or concerns, discussion? All right, so with that, we'll vote all those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion passes four zero.