



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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**SUBJECT:**

\*Consideration of Resolution 2015-82, a Resolution to Authorize Staff to Enter into Contract Negotiations with Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc. for the Preliminary Engineering Phase (Environmental Only) for the Columbia Avenue Widening Project (10/13/15 WS)

**Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) concerning Resolution 2015-82, a resolution to authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations with Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc. for the Preliminary Engineering Phase (Environmental Only) for the Columbia Avenue Widening Project.

**Background**

The widening of Columbia Avenue is needed to accommodate the projected traffic volume and increase the mobility to and from downtown Franklin. The approved Transportation Planning Report recommends a 4-5 lane arterial section with 4' bike lanes from Mack Hatcher Parkway to Alpha Drive, 3'-6' grass strip, two 5' sidewalks and a 14' median from Southeast Parkway to Confederate Drive. Below is a brief history of the project:

September 26, 2006    The Board approved a PSA with Fischbach Transportation Group, Inc. in the amount of \$21,500 for the Columbia Ave Transportation Planning Report

January 23, 2008      A public meeting was held with the public and impacted property owners.

November 17, 2010    The Transportation Planning Report for Columbia Avenue (SR-6/US31), from Mack Hatcher Parkway to Downs Boulevard, was approved by TDOT.

December 11, 2013                      The Executive Board of the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted the FYs 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

funding the environmental and design phase associated with this project in the amount of \$2,000,000 (80% Federal and 20% Local).

March 13, 2014      BOMA approves Resolution 2014-13, adopting the funding plan for the FY 2014-2018 CIP, which includes \$821,500 for professional design services for the Columbia Avenue Widening Project.

June 4, 2014      The City received a letter from Paul Degges, TDOT Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer, committing the State to participate in covering the required 20% match associated with the cost of this project.

September 9, 2014      BOMA approves Resolution 2014-63, which authorized the Mayor and City Staff to submit the Project Initiation Form and Checklist

June 7, 2015      Public notice regarding a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Letters of Interests (LOI) for design services was advertised in the Tennessean newspaper.

July 8, 2015      City receives Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualifications from 16 engineering design consultants

July 14, 2015      BOMA approves Local Agency Project Agreement (COF Contract No. 2014-0289) with TDOT to begin the Columbia Avenue Widening Project.

September 14-15, 2015      City staff interviews top five scoring design firms

Once a scope of services has been finalized and negotiations completed, staff will present the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to BOMA for final approval.

### **Financial Impact**

The Columbia Avenue Widening Project, in its basic form, is funded entirely by Federal and State Funds (80% Fed/20% State). Because the City of Franklin is managing this project, it will be required to initially pay invoices and then request reimbursement from TDOT. Resolution 2014-13, which was approved by the BOMA on March 13, 2014, includes \$821,500.00 in General Obligation Bonds for professional design services for the Columbia Avenue Widening Project.

### **Recommendation**

Approval of Resolution 2015-82 is recommended.