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Memorandum

Date: Oct 11, 2023

To: MoPac East-Lied Connector Subcommittee members

From: Mike Sousek, General Manager

RE: MoPac East-Lied Connector Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The MoPac East-Lied Connector Subcommittee met at 6:15pm on Monday, October 9, 2023, at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Melissa Baker, Luke Peterson, John Yoakum, and Anthony Schutz. Subcommittee members Ray Stevens, Tom Green, Christine Lamberty, and Ron Nolte were absent. No members of the public were present. NRD staff members Dave Potter, Will Inselman, and myself were in attendance along with representatives from JEO.

There was only one item on that agenda to discuss and consider. Three firms responded to the district request for qualifications to conduct an evaluation of the MoPac connector trail. All three firms were interviewed which included the firms of FHU, Olson, and JEO. The interviews were conducted on Sept. 28 and the interview team included two NRD staff (Ari Kennedy & Mike Sousek) and two Cass Co. representatives (John Winkler & Alex DeGarmo). It was unanimously decided by this interview team to select JEO as the firm to continue into a scope of work phase. The scope of work was presented from JEO Consulting to the subcommittee. This scope of work has a strong public participation component interwoven throughout the evaluation process. Discussion during the presentation and after was focused on the public participation work of this endeavor. Topics such as marketing vs. public participation were explored and questions about social media and other avenues of outreach were discussed. Following discussion, ***a motion was made by Yoakum and seconded by Peterson to recommend to the LPSNRD Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to sign a contract with JEO consulting which includes the scope of work presented (see attachments) which will not exceed \$395,643 for the purpose of evaluating the connector trail between MoPac East and Lied Platte River Bridge. Motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

MJS