



TO: Mayor Tom Ross
Members of the City Council

FROM: Lance Meyer, P.E., City Engineer

DATE: May 6, 2024

SUBJECT: 16TH STREET SW RECONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTED CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION APPROVAL (4780)

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend council approve the Documented Categorical Exclusion document (DCE) and concur with the concepts proposed. Also, to proceed with Alternative B (Build Option), Pond Scenario 4 (Two-Tiered Pond) \$15,017,400.
2. Authorize the mayor to sign the decision document

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Lance Meyer, City Engineer	701-857-4100
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III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

In April 2023, Apex Engineering Group was hired to perform engineering services for the 16th St SW Reconstruction project. The preliminary engineering phase is now finishing which includes producing an environmental document called a Documented Categorical Exclusion. This is the environmental clearance needed to move the project forward into design.

B. Proposed Project

After council reviews and approves the document, it will go through final review and approval by NDDOT and FHWA. Once approved, right of way acquisitions can begin and final plans can be submitted for review and approval.

C. Consultant Selection

Apex Engineering Group was selected using a qualifications based selection.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

16th Street SW is a minor arterial in our transportation network and must be kept in good condition to support the traveling public.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

It is likely that portions of 16th Street will need to be closed during the reconstruction. Detour routes will need to be set up during those times.

C. Fiscal Impact:
N/A

Project Funding

Funding for the project comes from Federal funds, Hub City Oil & Gas funds and Water/Sewer Reserve funds.

V. CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS

This project accomplishes the aspirations of Dynamic and Flourishing; Excellent and Connected.

VI. ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Council could choose to another alternative listed in the DCE. Staff and Apex have been working with the landowner where the pond will be located attempting to find a configuration that is workable for them and meets the City's design requirements. The recommended option is as close as we can come to meeting all those requirements.

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Staff requests council's approval of the DCE so the document can be submitted for further review and approvals by other agencies.

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft Documented Categorical Exclusion Document
- B. Final Public Involvement Report
- C. Presentation from Apex