

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Jackie Lanning, City Engineer

**Work Session:** March 17, 2020

**Subject:** 20<sup>th</sup> Street South BUILD Grant/Interchange Project Update

**Person(s) Responsible:** Jackie Lanning, City Engineer

## **Summary:**

This update will provide the City Council and public an update of the 20<sup>th</sup> Street South Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD Grant and Interchange project).

## **Background:**

The BUILD Grant was awarded to the City of Brookings in the fall of 2019. The grant provides for new street access from 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue with a new interstate interchange. The BUILD Grant was awarded through the U.S. Department of Transportation for a total project construction cost anticipated at \$23,347,037. Approximately \$4,669,407 or 20% of the funding is local. This local match is met with City partners including \$2 million from Brookings County, \$669,407 from Private Donors and \$2 million of City funding to make the project possible.

In January, City staff met with the State and Federal government officials. A timeline was developed to meet the grant deadlines, and notice was given that all engineering, design, environmental, etc. needs to be finalized by June 2021 and bidding for construction is anticipated in September 2021. To meet this aggressive timeline, the State has agreed to take the administrative lead, while the City is identified as the project manager. The state will provide greater oversight as they have extensive knowledge and experience with federal grants, timelines, funding and large scale projects.

Updates and scheduled discussion points have been created for the City/County/Private Donors to review the project's progression. These key points will provide more accurate cost estimates for the project. The cost estimate review times are tentatively scheduled for 30% review in August, 60% review in November, and 90% review in February 2021.

## **Item Details:**

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, HDR was hired as the engineering team to complete the first phase of the project, which will include the Interstate Justification Report, environmental assessment, right-of-way, and design. A large component of this project involves public

input which will be advertised as those dates arise. Staff will give an update of the process to this point as well as the current project schedule.

**Legal Consideration:**

None.

**Strategic Plan Consideration:**

This project meets the comprehensive transportation component of the Brookings Area Master Transportation Plan. This project also furthers the accomplishment of a City Council Strategic Initiative - Provide for the planning, financing, and construction of East 20th Street South Interchange with I-29.

**Financial Consideration:**

Currently, the local match has been set aside through prior Council action. The Council has also taken action on all necessary Memoranda of Understanding. A more solidified cost will be known at the 60% meeting, as costs are defined more accurately through the consulting engineer. This is an 80/20 match grant.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Map