Black Forest Rd. Roadway Improvements: Woodmen Rd. to Research Pkwy. Project Possession & Use Agreements

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Project Limits





Project Description

 Widen Black Forest Road to a four lane Principal Arterial cross-section from Woodmen Road to Research Parkway, including a new bridge over Cottonwood Creek.

Project Timeline

- Black Forest Widening Woodmen to Research: PPRTA "A-List" Project
- Project Budget \$27 M
- Engineering started May 2019- Completion June 2021
- Property acquisition began October 2020
- Construction start July 2021- Duration 2 years
- Final paving optimally in Spring/Summer 2023



Project Phase	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CORRIDOR PLAN DEVELOPMENT					
PRELIMINARY DESIGN (30%)					
FINAL DESIGN (90%)		_			
ROW/EASEMENT ACQUISITION		-			
PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS			-		
ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION			-		
CONSTRUCTION					
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Land Acquisition

- 26 ROW and easement parcels needed
- Notice of Intent to Acquire letters sent between October 2020 and February 2021
- Typical time to complete acquisition of properties is 6 months
- Appraisals- 9/26 complete; Remaining 17 due in March/ April
- Closing expected in June and July



Schedule Concerns

- All ROW and easements must be acquired before utilities can be relocated
- No substantial roadway work until utilities are moved
- Property acquisition schedule extends into anticipated advertisement period
- If property acquisitions are not completed by July, delays to the start of construction are expected
- Construction timeline concludes project mid-year 2023
- Indication that some property owners may extend the negotiation period
 - Don't agree with appraisal values
 - Want project to pay for improvements that are development responsibility



Possession and Use Agreements

- Allow City possession of land and ability to keep project moving
- Helps keep the project schedule and budget on track
- Allows adequate time to negotiate fair settlement for the City and property owner
- Previous use of this process has resulted in favorable outcomes



Discussion

- Utilizing Possession and Use agreements will allow the project access to the properties in a timely manner for construction while allowing for final settlements to be negotiated.
- Staff requests Council passes Resolution for Possession & Use Agreements for project
- Questions