

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: April 19, 2010

Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** Contract Agreement with Fehr and Peers for the Pedestrian Master Plan and Update to the Bicycle Master Plan

**REPORT BY:** Ann Chaney, Community Development Director

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract agreement with Fehr and Peers to prepare Albany's Pedestrian Master Plan and Update to the Bicycle Master Plan for an amount not to exceed \$142,991.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2009, the City obtained a grant from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) for the development of the first Pedestrian Master Plan and the update to the City's Bicycle Master Plan. Requests for Proposals (RFP) were sent to qualifying firms. A total of four firms responded with proposals. City staff assembled a Technical Advisory Committee to assist in the review of the proposals. Members included a Traffic and Safety Commissioner, representative of Albany Strollers & Rollers, TransForm staff member, and City staff. This group reviewed the RFP responses and recommended two firms to be interviewed.

Interviews were held in March. Both firms under consideration were well qualified and had fairly priced proposals. However the advisory committee believed that Fehr and Peers exhibited some innovative approaches to improving pedestrian and bicycle accessibility in an existing developed community. Thus, Fehr and Peers is recommended as the firm to prepare both the City's Pedestrian Master Plan and Update to the Bicycle Master Plan.

**DISCUSSION**

As the plan proceeds, it is hoped that a member of the disabled community will be able to join the Technical Advisory Committee. In developing both plans, the selected consultant is expected to work closely with this group. Public meetings will be held with the community at various points during plan development to receive input.

The plans will include such aspects as existing conditions and programs; consideration of the Climate Action Plan, Transit First Policy, etc.; problems and barriers to walking ; creating a pedestrian-friendly environment, street furniture, lighting, sidewalk; developing goals and

objectives to address identified needs; developing a walking route network connected to activity generators; developing and prioritizing projects based on community input; estimating project costs; and developing design guidelines and an implementation plan and schedule.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

The intent in developing a Pedestrian Master Plan and updating the Bicycle Master Plan is to provide safer, friendlier, and more accessible ways of walking and bicycling. This in turn moves people away from driving a vehicle to enjoying the alternative mode of transportation involved in walking, strolling and biking, and thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

A grant in the amount of \$130,000 has been received from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) to prepare the Albany Pedestrian Master Plan and Update to the Albany Bicycle Master Plan. This, coupled with the local match of \$13,000, to be funded with 2010-11 Gas Tax monies, totals \$143,000. The grant amount for the contract with Fehr and Peers is not to exceed \$142,991. Thus no General Fund monies will be used toward this project.

### **Attachment**

Draft Scope of Work from Fehr & Peers