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Subject: **Request to Begin Procurement – Detailed design services for maximizing people moving capacity and public realm design for Williams Parkway between McLaughlin Road and Dixie Road, Ward 1, 5 & 7**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: **Request to Begin Procurement - Detailed design services for maximizing people moving capacity and public realm design for Williams Parkway between McLaughlin Road and Dixie Road, Ward 1, 5 & 7** to the Committee of Council Meeting dated October 27, 2021, be received; and
2. That the Purchasing agent be authorized to begin procurement for detailed design services to maximize people moving capacity and public realm design for Williams Parkway between McLaughlin Road and Dixie Road.

Overview:

- **This report is to obtain Council approval for the Purchasing agent to begin procurement for detailed design services to maximize people moving capacity and public realm design for Williams Parkway between McLaughlin Road and Dixie Road.**
- **There is sufficient budget to proceed with detailed design of Williams Parkway between McLaughlin Road and Dixie Road in the Capital Project #083610-006.**

Background:

The detailed design was initiated in 2012 based on the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) completed in 2011 for the six lane widening and acoustic noise wall along Williams Parkway between McLaughlin Road and east of North Park Drive.

After Council passed a motion in late 2019 to review the widening of Williams Parkway and directed staff to conduct a workshop, staff instructed AECOM in early 2020 to pause the detailed design for the six lane widening until further direction on the scope of the project was given.

Current Situation:

On July 7, 2021, Council approved the detailed scope for maximizing people moving capacity and public realm concept design completed by staff as part of the feasibility study confirming the detailed scope of amended Option 4, for further details please see attached Staff report number 2021-701 approved by Council included in the Appendix – 'A' of this report.

Since the new scope as directed by Council is substantially changed from the original scope, staff is seeking Council authorization to begin procurement for the detailed design of new scope through a public competitive procurement.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO), has requested that the City include rehabilitation of the bridge over Highway 410 in the City's contract for the Williams Parkway improvements. MTO staff have provided a written commitment to fund the design, contract administration, inspection and construction of the bridge rehabilitation. A separate cost share agreement will be executed between MTO and the City for this work in the future prior to the tender being released for the construction.

Corporate Implications:

Purchasing Comments:

A public procurement process will be conducted and the bid submissions will be evaluated in accordance with the published evaluation process included in the bid document. Purchase approval will be obtained in accordance with the Purchasing By-law.

All communication with Bidders involved in the procurement will occur formally, through the contact person identified in the request for proposal document.

Financial Implications:

Sufficient funding is available within the Public Works & Engineering approved Capital Budget for this initiative.

Other Implications:

Legal Services will support City staff as needed to identify and contract with a successful proponent.

Term of Council Priorities:

The information outlined in this report, achieve the term of Council priority for a healthy and safe City by building well-planned infrastructure. The concept design align with direction in the transportation, connectivity and health sections of Vision 2040.

Conclusion:

The improvements on Williams Parkway has changed from a six lane road widening to improving the existing four lane road by road resurfacing and minor storm works, structure rehabilitation at Highway 410, installing multi use paths, traffic signals, streetlights, streetscaping and landscaping. As this is a major change to the scope of the improvements, it is recommended that Council authorize the Purchasing agent to begin procurement as described in this report.

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Attachment: Appendix 'A' – Staff report number 2021-701 approved by Council dated July 7, 2021;