



Engineering Department

DATE: May 18, 2021

FROM: Gabe Schell, City Engineer

ITEM: Ash Coulee Dr Road Reconstruction – Tyler Parkway to N Washington St

REQUEST

Consider request to assign Ash Coulee Drive Reconstruction as the next half-cent sales tax funded project begin preliminary engineering

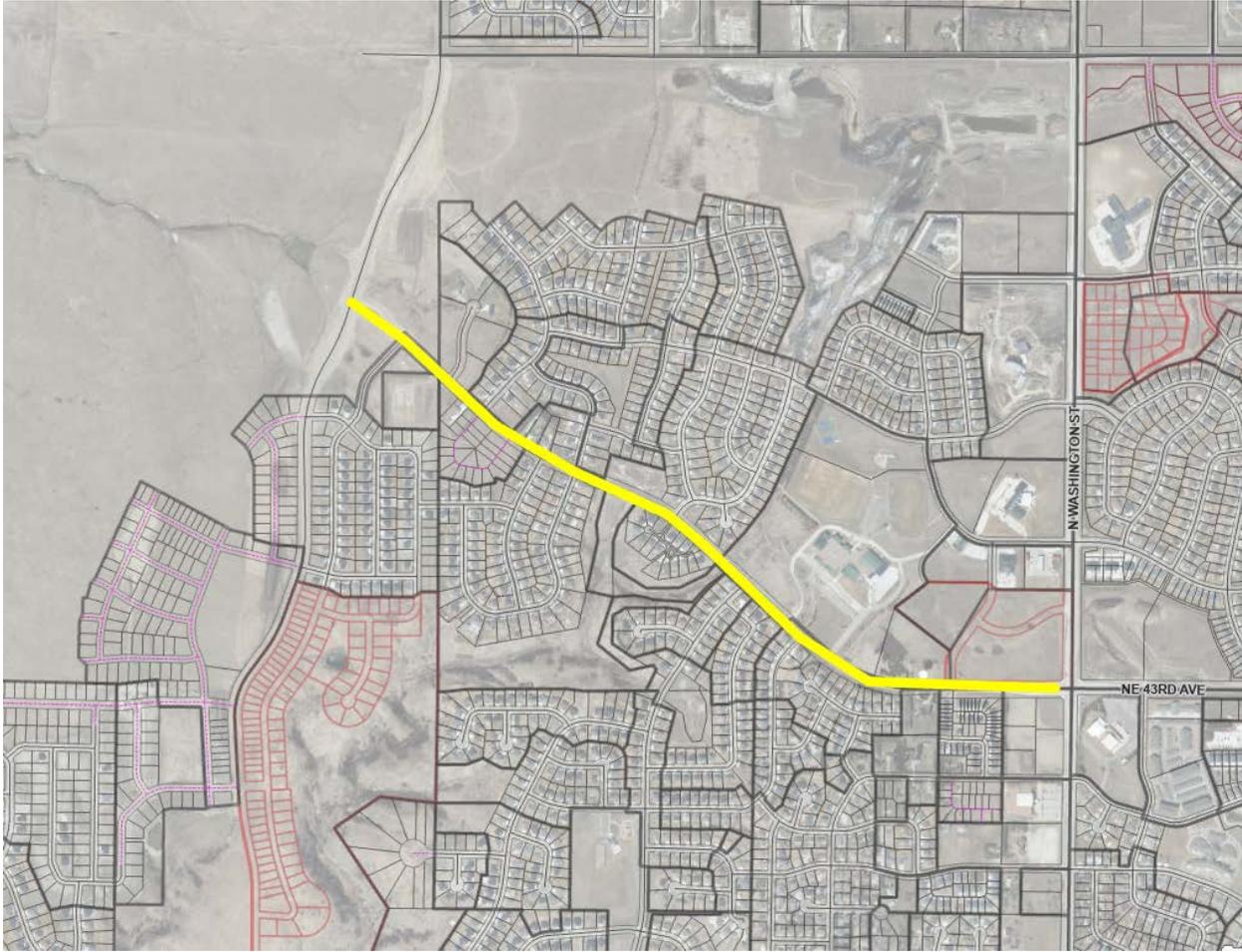
Please place this item on the 5/25/2021 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ash Coulee Drive from Tyler Parkway/15th Street NW to west of N Washington Street is recommended to be the next half-cent sales tax funded arterial road reconstruction project. Half-cent sales tax has been used for the 1) 2020 construction of 43rd Avenue NE from Washington Street to State Street and is programmed for the 2) 2022 construction of 43rd Avenue from State Street to N 26th Street. With the anticipated federal aid reimbursement from the 2020 43rd Avenue NE project to occur this year and ahead of schedule, it is likely that there will be adequate funding to construct the third half cent sales tax project during the 2023 construction season.

The project would consist of full urban reconstruction and would include turn lanes, pedestrian facilities, corridor lighting among the envisioned improvements. This project would be 100% locally funded with no programmed federal or state funding. As such, some of the processes required by federal funding would not need to be performed. However, this roadway is a functionally classified roadway and in order to not jeopardize future federal funding eligibility, coordination with North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will occur to the degree the NDDOT desires.

If it is desired by this Board, staff would issue a request for proposals (RFP) from qualified consulting engineering firms to assist with the preliminary engineering phase with the ability to amend the agreement to include design engineering and construction observation services if approved.



The 2021 budget does not include this funding as the NDDOT reimbursement was not anticipated to occur until 2022. The earlier than expected reimbursement has triggered this action. A request for additional budget appropriation from the sales tax fund is also included. The anticipated design engineering and construction costs will be assigned in the upcoming 2022 budget process. If the Board approves this request to issue an RFP, approval of a selected consultant and a proposed scope of work would be brought before this Board for consideration.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION

Approve request to procure engineering services for a half cent sales tax funded project on Ash Coulee Dr from Tyler Parkway/15th Street to N Washington St.

Approve additional \$600,000 budget appropriation from the sales tax fund for the preliminary engineering phase.

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