



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 12, 2017 Agenda Item 3

### Work Session

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Contract for the construction of streetscape improvements proposed by Ethan Allen Gateway Project

### Recommended Council Action

Approve Ordinance

### Context with Key Issues

The Ethan Allen Gateway project is designed to provide a safe and comfortable environment for pedestrians and bicyclists and to link residents to alternative transportation options. The project supports local business and a vibrant commercial center at the Ethan Allen Gateway on New Hampshire Avenue.

In February 2017, the City advertised the Invitation for Bids for construction of the project and received three bid qualification and price proposals. The bidders included:

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| J. Villa Construction Inc.   | \$2,259,230.00 |
| Fort Myer Construction Corp. | \$2,727,987.13 |
| E & R Services, Inc.         | \$2,793,130.25 |

The bid qualification review deemed all three bidders to be qualified. The public bid opening was held on April 24, 2017. Bid analysis conducted by both City and Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) found J. Villa Construction Inc. to be the responsive and responsible bidder with the lowest price proposal.

The FY18 budget includes \$2,134,407 for the project construction and \$187,093 for construction inspection. This construction cost was an estimate developed by the engineering firm. The actual bid received was approximately five percent (5%) i.e. \$124,823 above the engineer's estimate, which will be requested in an upcoming budget amendment. The increase in cost is due to the higher itemized cost for the decorative pedestrian and vehicular lighting. Fifty-four percent (54%) of the project construction cost i.e. \$1,321,500 is funded through Special Revenue Fund (Transportation Alternative Grant and Maryland Bikeshare) and the remaining through Capital Improvement Fund.

### Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Environmentally Sustainable Community

### Environmental Impact of Action

The project will install two new bioretention facilities to treat stormwater runoff, replace 13,723 square feet of impervious area with greenery and replace 25 existing street lights with LED fixtures.

### Fiscal Impact of Action

The cost for the project construction is \$2,446,323.

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**Racial Equity Impact Statement**

The project will provide safe transportation connections to pedestrian and bikers of Wards 2 and 6, areas of the City with a large minority population.

**Attachments and Links**

Draft Ordinance

Website: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/ethan-allen-gateway-streetscape>

Introduced by:

Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS  
PROPOSED BY THE ETHAN ALLEN GATEWAY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City procurement procedures, the Housing and Community Development Department issued an RFP for the construction of the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, the City received bids from three bidders and J. Villa Construction Inc. was the lowest qualified responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, most of the funds for construction are available in the FY18 Special Revenue and Capital Improvement Project fund, and remaining funds of \$124,823 are being requested in an upcoming budget amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with J. Villa Construction Inc. for the construction of streetscape improvements proposed by the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Project in the amount of Two Million, Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$2,259,230).

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this            day of July, 2017 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: