



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 17, 2023

Agenda Item 5A

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Design and Engineering Services for the Maple Avenue Connectivity Project

Recommended Council Action

Vote on the ordinance approving the contract.

Context with Key Issues

As part of Takoma Park's long-term commitment to multi-modal transportation, the City is developing the Maple Avenue Connectivity Project to strengthen transportation connections and provide safer, more convenient, and more comfortable travel for all roadway users. The project is to develop robust bikeway options and include a bike/pedestrian upgrade to the bridge crossing Sligo Creek. The project will improve connections to the Sligo Creek Trail, two Capital Bikeshare stations, three schools, the City Building and library, and the Takoma Metro Station.

The City has been awarded a grant of \$304,000 from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Kim Lamphier Bikeways Program to develop final design plans for Maple Avenue from the Sligo Creek Parkway to the DC boundary line. The grant requires a 20 percent City match of \$76,000, for a total project of \$380,000. Once the final design phase is completed, the City will seek construction funding. This grant builds on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation-Land Use Connections technical assistance grant that City received in May 2020, which resulted in 30 percent design plans.

Through a competitive bid process, the City received two submissions. Following staff review and evaluation of the submissions, the staff proposes that the City award the contract to RK&K for the work.

Council Priority

Advancing a Community of Belonging; Environmentally Sustainable Community – Climate change mitigation; Engaged, Responsive, and Service-Oriented Government; Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life – Improve transportation planning, design, and implementation.

Environmental Considerations

The Maple Avenue Connectivity Project will encourage alternative modes of transportation by creating safer pedestrian, bike and transit options in Takoma Park in order to reduce carbon emissions.

Fiscal Considerations

The FY24 Budget includes matching funding in the amount of \$76,000, which is 20% of the total project cost, to secure the \$304,000 Kim Lamphier Bikeways grant.

Racial Equity Considerations

The Maple Avenue Connectivity Project will provide greater transportation options for residents in Ward 4, an area of the City with a large minority population and underserved transportation connections, as well as residents in other wards traveling to and through the area. The bikeway would improve multi-modal access to a more diverse population of the community by creating safer, dedicated bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

Attachments and Links

- [Maple Avenue Connectivity Project webpage](#)
- Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Design and Services for the Maple Avenue Connectivity Project

Introduced by:

Single Reading

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**ORDINANCE 2023-
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR THE MAPLE AVENUE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park was awarded \$304,000.00 from the Maryland Department of Transportation's Kim Lamphier Bikeways program to complete final design work for the Maple Avenue Connectivity Project; and

WHEREAS, the City provides a match of \$76,000.00 for design and engineering services for the project; and

WHEREAS, the complete proposed project will extend along Maple Avenue from Sligo Creek Parkway to the boundary line with Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded funding for preliminary designs in 2020 by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation and Land Use Connections Program; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent designs for the Maple Avenue Connectivity Project were completed by Toole Design Group in May 2021; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will create robust bikeway options and include a bike/pedestrian upgrade to the bridge crossing Sligo Creek. The project will improve connections to the Sligo Creek Trail, two Capital Bikeshare stations, three schools, the City Building and library, and the Takoma Metro Station; and

WHEREAS, final designs and engineering are necessary prior to the project's eventual construction; and

WHEREAS, the City put out a Request for Proposals, received two submissions, and evaluated the proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Department recommends the execution of a contract with Rummell, Klepper, & Kahl, LLP (RK&K) to complete this phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds for the proposed project budget are budgeted in FY24.

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

SECTION 1: The Acting City Manager and his designee are hereby authorized to enter into an

agreement with RK&K for services related to the design and engineering of the Maple Avenue Connectivity Project at a cost of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$380,000).

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED this __ day of May 2023 by roll call votes as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: