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TO: Mayor Bryan Barnett

RE: Walton Blvd. Pathway

Walton Boulevard Pathway

The Walton Boulevard Pathway Rehabilitation project was expedited by log job format to ensure a safe pathway for the inaugural Brooksie Way Half Marathon event scheduled for October 5th 2008. An initial site review was conducted to replace the existing pathway including estimated quantities based on aerial photographs. The project was added to the existing Pathway Rehabilitation Program PW-01 and City Council approved the amendment at it's September 8th, 2008 meeting.

During construction it was determined that the pathway cross slope exceeded ADA (Americans with Disabilities ACT) guidelines and consequently, rather than simply replacing (log job) the existing pathway, additional costs would be incurred to design and construct the pathway in compliance with ADA guidelines. Bringing the pathway into ADA compliance meant reducing the cross slope from 6% to 2%. This was accomplished by building up the earth embankment and adding asphalt to level out the final wearing course. These unplanned improvements expanded the project limits and exceeded the available funding.

Recommendations

1. Adhere to a policy that requires all pathway rehabilitation projects comply with the Americans with Disability Act guidelines including engineered designs.
2. Minimize amendments to existing programs by bidding projects separately.
3. Provide more timely updates to City Council via email or memo's.

Conclusion

A late season add on to an approved pathway program became underfunded when it was determined that a change in the scope of the project was required to meet ADA guidelines. As a result, additional fees were incurred to have the pathway available for a schedule community event. Additional planning and communications are needed to better manage these types of situations.