



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2013-0175

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Development  
Allen Schneck, Director of Public Service  
Mike Hartner, Director of Parks and Forestry

**DATE:** May 6, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Hamlin Road Round-A-Bout Safety and Aesthetic Improvements

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**REQUEST:**

City Council is requested to authorize a contract for the construction of the safety and aesthetic improvements of the Hamlin Road Round-A-Bout to Northshore Landscaping, Inc., Armada, Michigan in the amount of \$43,899.20 with a 10% contingency in the amount of \$4,389.92 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$48,289.12.

**REASON FOR PURCHASE:**

A central landscape feature has always been intended for the roundabout at Hamlin and Livernois to beautify, add safety elements, and to provide a sense of scale within the intersection. Safety is the key to the central landscape feature in that the materials, both green and "hardscape" serve 2 objectives. The first is to create a visual barrier that works as a traffic calming device to slow travelers and the second is to block on-coming headlights to eliminate any distraction since one enters the round-a-bout while looking left. These safety issues were learned from the work done by Carmel, Indiana and shared with several staff on a fact-finding trip to Carmel. As a point of information, Carmel has about 60 Round-A-Bouts in their community.

The current landscaping was installed as a temporary placeholder while plans were developed for the permanent landscaping. In the meantime the City has received an anonymous donation to support a sculptural element within the roundabout island.

The City used one of our on-call landscape architects, Landscape Architects and Planners, to develop plans for the roundabout. Important design parameters included incorporating a sculptural element, using low-maintenance perennial landscaping and maintaining line-of-sight through the roundabout to preserve traffic safety. The line of sight discussed here is for the view ahead of one's vehicle when in the round-a-bout and not dealing with on-coming headlights. The Road Commission for Oakland County has reviewed the plans and has approved the permit for the landscaping.

Funds are proposed from three sources each covering about a third of the total project cost: an anonymous donation, use of tree fund monies to pay for the trees and plants, and Metro Act monies. The Metro Act (PA48 of 2002) provides monies generated by telecommunication utilities that must pay an annual maintenance fee for their utilities within rights-of-way. The City receives these funds from the State each year that may be used for "rights-of-way related uses." The use of these three fund sources will not impact the City's General Fund.

Invitation to Bid was solicited and posted on the MITN website, a pre-bid meeting was held and sealed bids were received from five bidders on April 19, 2013. Bids were reviewed and references validated. It is recommended that Northshore Landscaping, Inc., as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder be awarded the contract for construction of the aesthetic improvements of the Hamlin Road Round-A-Bout.

**PROCESS:**

**Vendor Name and Address:**

Northshore Landscaping, Inc.  
 21330 34 Mile Road  
 Armada, Michigan 48005

**Reason for Selection:**

Lowest Responsive Responsible Bid

**Method of Purchase:**

Contract/Blanket Purchase Order

**BUDGET:**

Funds are included in the 2013 Adopted Budget in both the Major Road Fund and the Tree Fund. If approved by City Council, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendment will be prepared to increase both the revenue and expenditure accounts by \$15,000 (to account for the donation funding).

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Major Road Fund: Traffic Services	472.807000	Contractual Services (Funded by Donation)	*\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Major Road Fund: Traffic Services	472.807000	Contractual Services	\$20,000.00	\$18,289.12	\$1,710.88
Tree Fund	232.740000	Operating Supplies: Landscaping	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
			\$50,000.00	\$48,289.12	\$1,710.88

\* = Pending 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendment

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council authorize a contract for the construction of the aesthetic improvements of the Hamlin Road Round-A-Bout to Northshore Landscaping, Inc., Armada, Michigan in the amount of \$43,899.20 with a 10% contingency in the amount of \$4,389.92 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$48,289.12.

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Finance Director		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		

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