



## Board Action Report

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Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Approve the Qualifications Based Selection of Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement to Provide Planning and Design Services for the Lowell Poston Park Sidewalk Connector Project (CMAQ Project C-5606J) Contingent Upon Receipt of NCDOT Approval of Contract Documents. **(No Additional County Funds Required)**

### **STAFF CONTACT**

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### **BUDGET IMPACT**

No Additional County Funds Required.

### **BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND**

On November 17, 2017 the Gaston County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2017-271 to accept and appropriate Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant funding for the Lowell to Poston Park Sidewalk Connector Project. This federal grant (C-5606J) will provide funding for the design and construction of a sidewalk along Main Street/Lowell Spencer Mountain Road from the existing sidewalk at the Lowell Municipal Limits to the entrance of George Poston Park.

Upon receiving authorization from NCDOT for the above project, a Request for Letters of Interest was advertised on January 16, 2019. Five (5) Letters of Interest were received by the posted deadline of February 20, 2019. The local selection committee comprised of four (4) Public Works staff reviewed each of the LOI submissions and selected Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. as the most qualified firm. NCDOT reviewed the selection process and provided concurrence with the selection of Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. and authorized the County to commence negotiations with this firm to perform the required Planning & Design Services. The proposed lump sum cost for Planning & Design Services is \$124,022.72.

Approval of this Board Action authorizes the County Manager or his designee to execute the agreement for Planning & Design Services. Contingent upon receipt of NCDOT approval of professional services contract documents.

### **POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS**

N/A