

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2011/12 & 2012/13 RETAINING WALL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

BACKGROUND:

This annual program is to reconstruct and/or repair retaining walls located within the City's rights-of-way that have been identified as structurally failing. These retaining walls become priorities for reconstruction and/or repair due to safety concerns. Drainage improvements and structural changes to the retaining walls are also included in the program. The 2011/12 program location is on the south side of 13th Street near Crescent Street adjacent to the shared use path. The 2012/13 program location is on east of S. Dayton Ave towards Lincoln Way.

This program was shown in the 2011/12 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) with funding in the amount of \$80,000 from Road Use Tax Funds, and in the 2012/13 CIP in the amount of \$40,000, also from Road Use Tax. For economies of scale, the two work locations were combined. Plans were developed by Fox Engineering with construction costs estimated at \$93,120. Engineering and administration expenses are estimated at \$25,000, bringing total estimated costs to \$118,120.

These projects were delayed as staff worked to acquire temporary easements on the three affected properties. These easements were needed to allow the work to be proceed, and will improve the safety of these areas. This is especially true along 13th Street, since the trail in that location will be widened with this construction.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2011/12 & 2012/13 Retaining Wall Reconstruction Projects and establish March 18, 2015, as the date of letting and March 24, 2015, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not proceed with the project at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving plans and specifications and setting the date of letting, it will be possible to move forward with the reconstruction of these walls in the summer or fall of 2015. The project will require the trail on 13th Street to remain open during the Furman Aquatic Center season.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.