



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 4, 2019

TO: Mayor Patrick T. Rockinberg and Council Members: President Peter R. Helt, Secretary Jason M. Poirier, Robert H. King, Jr., Larry G. Hushour, Patricia R. Washabaugh

FROM: Barney Quinn
Town Engineer

ISSUE: ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUEST
OLD MAIN LINE CENTRAL BRANCH TRAIL

PURPOSE:

Town staff is seeking Council approval for needed additional funds to meet SHA required engineering work related to the TAP Grant for the Old Main Line Central Branch Trail.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Town was recently awarded a TAP Grant by the State Highway Administration (SHA) with \$321,000 in program funds to support our Old Main Line Central Branch Trail project. This project is to improve the trail that connects Main Street and Watkins Park, as well as install and rebuild stormwater management facilities along the walking path. Per meeting with our SHA team, the Town is asked to have additional engineering done to bring the design up to SHA standards.

This added engineering is estimated by our consultant at approximately \$80,000-\$120,000, with the anticipation that we have received additional funding for the TAP Grant from SHA. The current budget has adequate funding that will not be used this fiscal year, therefore no budget amendment is required. We have also sent a letter requesting additional grant funding to pay for this, however there is no guarantee at this time (see attached letter).

RECOMMENDATION:

Town staff recommends the Town Council to approve spending up to \$120,000 to GMB/Century Engineering out of the existing budget.

PATRICK T. ROCKINBERG
Mayor

PETER R. HELT
Council President



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January 17, 2019

Ms. Christy Bernal
State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUEST
OLD MAIN LINE CENTRAL BRANCH TRAIL

Dear Ms. Bernal:

The Town of Mount Airy is requesting additional funds for the Old Main Line Central Branch Trail: Accessibility Improvement & Stormwater Management Restoration Transportation Alternatives (TA) project. Per discussion with the grant managers at the Kick-off Meeting, prior to proceeding with the project, we found additional design engineering to be required by the State Highway Administration (SHA) to show end-to-end connections between Main Street and Watkins Park suitable to SHA standards. Our engineers from Century Engineering and George, Miles, Buhr, LLC (GMB) have given our engineering team a proposal of what they will need to do to make the design up to SHA requirements (See attachments for reference). The cost of these improvements ranges from \$80,000 - \$120,000, based on an estimate.

Although engineering was not originally part of Mount Airy's TA project submission, the added scope is a significant change in the overall project cost. The Town would greatly appreciate the acknowledgement and consideration of the approval for additional funds to help cover the cost of this required task given by the State. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Melissa Thorn

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cc: Patrick T. Rockinberg
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