

## **City moves one step closer to construction of the Grant Avenue Parkway corridor project**

Following months of public engagement, concept development and discussions with the contracting community, two qualified design-build teams responded to a call for Statements of Qualifications and have been selected to compete for the contract to design and construct the Grant Avenue Parkway corridor improvement project.

“We received a lot of good questions and interest from the contracting community over the last several months,” explains Project Manager Leree Reese. “We are excited that two qualified teams have come forward and both have the depth and expertise to execute the community’s vision and deliver a really great end product.”

The following teams were selected to further develop their proposals on the project:

- **GAP Collaborative Team** – Radmacher Brothers; CFS Engineers; Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects
- **Hartman Team** – Hartman & Company, Inc.; Great River Engineering (GRE); Horner & Shifrin, Inc.; Hunter-Chase & Associates, Inc.

A relatively new process to public agencies in the Springfield area, the Design-Build project delivery method combines both the design and construction phases into one contract. The selected team will complete the design and construction in parallel instead of in succession and has the potential to provide a significant time and cost-saving benefit to the project. For more information about design-build visit [www.modot.org/design-build-information](http://www.modot.org/design-build-information).

To encourage interest and discussion amongst potential teams, the City hosted an industry meeting in early April for general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and design professionals to learn about the process to determine a successful design-build proposal for the project. Included in the meeting was a [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise \(DBE\)](#) mixer to help provide opportunities to businesses owned and operated by socially or economically disadvantaged individuals. The industry meeting was well attended with 50 participants attending from 36 local and state-wide organizations.

The City will issue the Request for Proposals on June 1, with a proposal deadline of Aug. 20. The winning team is expected to be selected by Aug. 31 followed by another round of public engagement to finalize a design. Construction is expected to begin in 2022 with completion estimated by early 2026.

**For more information and to sign up for updates on the project, visit [www.grantavenueparkway.com](http://www.grantavenueparkway.com).**

**About the Grant Avenue Parkway Project**

Funded primarily by a \$21 million federal Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant, the Grant Avenue Parkway will provide major transportation improvements along Grant Avenue in the heart of Springfield.

The project will create a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle pathway along Grant Avenue between Sunshine Street and Downtown Springfield. The 3-mile stretch will connect downtown businesses and neighborhoods with the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium (WOW). The route is envisioned to include bike and pedestrian friendly facilities, various traffic-calming improvements, bridge enhancements, utility upgrades, fiber connectivity and additional crossing and intersection improvements.