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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Martha Drukker, Associate Engineer

DATE: January 27, 2020

SUBJECT: "Welcome to East Concord" Gateway Sign

Recommendation

Accept this report approving the design of the "Welcome to East Concord" gateway sign (attached) and directing staff to return with an appropriating resolution accepting a \$1,500 donation from the East Concord Garden Club (ECGC) and allocating the additional sign installation funds.

Background

The Exit 16 / East Side Drive / Mountain Road / Shawmut Street Roundabout Intersection Improvement Project included the installation of conduit for the lighting of a future "Welcome to East Concord" sign. Funds for the sign itself were not included in the project budget.

In 2016, representatives of the ECGC approached the former City Engineer, Ed Roberge, regarding their interest in donating funds for a "Welcome to East Concord" gateway sign in the vicinity of the proposed roundabout. ECGC members worked with Mr. Roberge to select a piece of the historic Sewalls Falls Bridge abutment stone and coordinated with Perry Brothers Monuments to assist with the design of the sign.

In the fall of 2018, members of the ECGC approached Engineering Services Division staff to inquire on the next steps involved to install the Welcome sign. Over the past year members of the ECGC and the Ad Hoc Landscape Design Committee for the Exit 16 Roundabout Project met on several occasions to finalize the design elements

of the sign. A preferred design was presented to the Heritage Commission at their July 2019 meeting as an information item.

Discussion

The total cost for the sign and its installation is estimated at \$5,820. The ECGC are requesting that the City Council approve the Welcome sign and accept their donation of \$1,500 toward the total aforementioned cost. In addition to the donation, the Exit 16 roundabout project (CIP #24) has a remaining balance of \$3,228 that could be applied toward this sign. This would leave a gap of \$1,092 that would require a supplemental appropriation from City Council. The cost of the sign and its installation are outlined as follows:

Perry Brothers Monuments	\$2,970.00	(Install - sign lettering will be donated)
Masonry Work	1,800.00	
Lighting	<u>1,050.00</u>	
Total Cost	\$5,820.00	

ECGC Donation	(\$1,500.00)	
CIP#24 Exit 16 CIP fund bal.	<u>(\$3,228.00)</u>	
Additional Funding	\$1,092.00	

By accepting this report, Council would be approving the sign design (attached) and directing staff to prepare a resolution for the appropriation of the funds to be set for an April 2020 public hearing.

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attachments

cc: Susan Blossom, ECGC
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