



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Michael S. Bezanson, PE, City Engineer

DATE: January 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Intersection Safety Improvements (CIP 520) Funding

Recommendation:

1. Accept this report;
2. Set for public hearing on March 11, 2024 the attached resolution appropriating the sum of \$50,000 of Highway Reserve funds for the construction of improvements to the Abbott Road/Sewalls Falls Road intersection as part of CIP 520 Intersection Safety Improvements; and,
3. Authorize the installation of a streetlight to an existing utility pole on Abbott Road to facilitate improved visibility of a crosswalk to be constructed as part of the aforementioned intersection improvements.

Background:

The Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) included \$110,000 in CIP 520 Intersection Safety Improvements to reconstruct/realign the Abbott Road/Sewalls Falls Road intersection. Construction bids were received in December 2023. The low bid for the project is \$157,027. The intersection improvements will be undertaken simultaneously with the City's Annual Highway Program (CIP 78).

In accordance with the City's normal and customary procedures, a neighborhood meeting was held to review the project on September 26, 2023. The attached conceptual design plan reflects input received from the community.

Discussion:

As part of the FY24 Budget, the City Council appropriated funds in CIP 78 (Annual Highway Improvement Program) for a maintenance overlay of Abbott Road, among other streets. The Abbott Road/Sewalls Falls Road intersection improvements are immediately adjacent to the overlay work planned for Abbott Road. Given proximity, coordination of these projects is desirable. To allow this coordination and to keep the construction of this work on schedule for the 2024 construction season, staff recommends that the City Council approve a supplemental

appropriation from the Highway Reserve Fund in the amount of \$50,000 to fund and facilitate award of the Abbott Road/Sewalls Falls Road intersection work for construction during this upcoming construction season.

Additionally, a new crosswalk will be installed in conjunction with the intersection improvements. As such, staff recommends that City Council authorize the installation of a new streetlight at this location to properly illuminate the crosswalk. Please see the attached plan for more information.