

## **NWFWMD Grant Agreement No. 18-048**

### **Construction of Stormwater Retrofit Facilities**

### **Avenue G between Water Street and Commerce**

At the City Commission Meeting on May 4, 2021, Leo Bebeau, Finance Director, invited any interested person to attend a meeting on May 5, at 9 am with Betty Webb, Project Manager/Grant Administrator; representatives from North Florida Construction, contractor; Jason White Construction, subcontractor; and representatives of the City of Apalachicola Water & Sewer Department, to discuss the incident of May 3, where a major city water line servicing a large area of Apalachicola's riverfront area was broken resulting in many businesses having no water for a significant portion of the day.

As a result of this meeting, many other problems were identified with the project. The meeting was stopped and Josh Stephens from Dewberry Engineers agreed to come immediately from Port St. Joe to inspect the situations.

**Problem #1** – A fire hydrant is located less than ten inches from the end of the parallel parking area which will legally make one parking space unusable. The parking space would enable a driver to back into it very easily while parallel.

Solution – The parking area is reduced by approximately 6 feet. This is being done by a change order.

**Problem #2** – Inquiries were made by Mr. Bebeau as to whether there was street striping included with the project. He was told no. The entire contingency funds in this project have already been used. It was also discussed that some funds from the USDA project on Water Street would need to be used to complete the sidewalk on Avenue G.

The east bound traffic on Avenue G will have no clear demarcation of lanes as the roadway shifts almost 9 feet north of its course when a drivers crosses Commerce.

Upon further inspection it was determined that the resulting roadway is only 16'3" wide. Florida Stature requires an 18' roadway for a two way street.

**Problem # 3** – The area if completed as planned will include new permeable pavers for the parking areas, a section of concrete install in 2008 when the stormwater drains were installed and a section of original concrete that dates to the 1970s when the street was last paved. The 1970s portion is crumbling and if finished as planned leave a huge blemish in the center of what NWFWMD considers a flagship project. I also had a drop in unscheduled visit from Darryl

Boudreau of NFWFMD on Thursday afternoon. He did visit and inquired as to the completion of the project.

Mr. Bebeau requested that Josh Stephens of Dewberry prepare specifications of solutions which were provided to North Florida for quotes.

The City Commission must make a decision. This project has had many delays and construction must finish no later than June 30, 2021.

**Option #1** – Complete the project as planned and make Avenue G a one way street between Water Street and Commerce Street. This is the only option that requires no commitment from the City of Apalachicola. Which direction will the one way street go EAST or WEST?

**Option #2** – Add a 3' concrete extension to the north side of the driving lane and move the parking area sidewalk and lighting approximately 3' north in the City's Right of Way. Cost to the City - \$28,333.05

**Option #3** – Remove existing crumbling concrete and replace with new concrete including the 3" extension. Cost to the City - \$68,238.00.

Presently the City has \$203,513.37 in restricted LOGT (Local Option Gas Tax) funds that may be used for capital improvement of roadways, sidewalks, bike paths, street lighting, striping and roadway stormwater control.

The commission may elect to use these funds for any of these options. The use of these funds will in no way impact the City Budget in the current year. Presently, no use of any of these funds is planned.

Exhibits follow

EXHIBIT AS-IS

EXHIBIT A – finishes project with no changes – Option 1

EXHIBIT B – adds 3' extension – Option 2

EXHIBIT C – replaces 1970s circa concrete with extension – Option 3

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