

**SUBJECT: Transportation Master Plan
Award of Professional Services Contract**

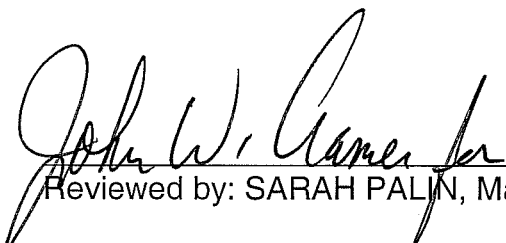
PREPARED BY: Administration
DATE: October 13, 2000.
FOR AGENDA OF: October 23, 2000

SUMMARY: Engineering services are needed to assist the Planning Office in preparing the Transportation Master Plan.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Master Plan will evaluate the relocation of the railroad as well as address needs for roads, highways, and trails for the 20-year planning horizon. The Transportation Master Plan will consist of public process and a report that recommends improvements in transportation safety and capacity using a 20-year planning horizon. The plan will assess the needs for railroad, local street, arterial, highway and trail improvements. The plan will update the City's 1996 Street Classification Map that will enable the community to develop in an organized fashion and support land use objectives. The plan will provide a vision to enhance commercial and residential development, centralize industrial and business areas, provide safe and efficient traffic flow, minimize undesirable overpasses in the central business district, facilitate non-local traffic, accommodate and enhance local trail systems and green spaces. The planning effort will include public workshops and meetings to obtain input on the community's needs and desires. A key part of the plan will be to identify the alternative routes for relocating the railroad around the central business district of Wasilla. The plan will identify the engineering and environmental criteria; permits, right-of-way needs, anticipated costs and schedule for each railroad alternative.

LCMF, Inc. has provided the preliminary engineering for several aspects of the master plan. That preliminary engineering has been a key factor in the positive community support. LCMF has submitted a "time & materials" proposal with a "not to exceed" cost of \$69,480.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: For Council to award the professional services contract to LCMF, Inc. in the amount of \$69,480.


Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Presented to council on 10/23/00
Action taken: Approved Denied
other: _____
Verified by J Newman