



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE, MAYOR

Office of the Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

FROM: Monica R. Lamboy, Executive Director 

DATE: August 26, 2010

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT (#08-031) WITH DESIGN CONSULTANTS INCORPORATED (DCI) FOR SURVEY AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BROADWAY STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) respectfully requests that you forward to the Board of Aldermen a request to approve a three year extension of a contract with Design Consultants Incorporated (DCI) in accordance with §2-369 of the Somerville Code. When extended, the new contract expiration date would be October 2013.

BACKGROUND

Work on the Broadway Street Improvement project is advancing rapidly. 75% plans, including infrastructure work, have been submitted to MassDOT and a response is expected shortly. Additional work to be performed over upcoming weeks includes 100% plan submissions to Mass DOT, development of Right of Way and Easement plans for properties along Broadway, and additional survey work and DCI's engineering services continue to play a critical role in the planning process.

Additionally, the City and DCI are working to complete the project's final budget estimate, the details of the streetscape design, and any outstanding Right Of Way issues. DCI is also working with the Water Department under a separate contract to complete the water and sewer construction plans, which are a major component of this project. A public hearing will be scheduled for this fall to review updated plans and construction impacts before final submission to MassDOT for procurement. DCI will work with OSPCD to complete the final construction details and prepare the bid package. At this time, we anticipate that construction could begin as early as the spring of 2011.

RECCOMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen approve this request to extend the contract period an additional (3) years, which should adequately encompass the duration of the construction project.

