

**Notice of Emergency Procurement Justification**

**Belmont Bridge Replacement Project Contract**

Date: February 9, 2024

This emergency procurement is needed to award a new construction contract so that work can continue at the Belmont Bridge Replacement Project to protect public health and safety.

Parties to the Contract: City of Charlottesville, Kimley Horn, and McDonough Bolyard Peck.

Justification: Public Safety:

If the contract is not extended demobilization will occur which will include removing protective barriers on the bridge. There are two general categories of concern. The first concern is the considerable area of fall hazards in the vicinity of pedestrian routes and public gathering areas (the Ting Pavilion and nearby pedestrian mall).

If the contract is executed, staff will address barriers and monitor onlooker activity. It is necessary to install, monitor and upkeep appropriate security measures in place. The pavilion and nearby mall are frequented by gatherings of small children, to whom an unsecured construction site presents an attractive nuisance and dangerous environment.

There are also several staircases, some in closed pedestrian areas, some in active pedestrian areas, that while presently protected, would become unsafe without adequate monitoring by inspectors operating under the contract. Pedestrian traffic control is also provided under the contract.

The final concern is traffic and pedestrian safety. The Bridge is not striped for traffic and requires barriers and other traffic control devices to remain safe. Curb ramps at intersections are not fully completed and barriers must be kept in place to maintain safe and adequate access.

In addition, project completion is necessary to fully resolve safety conditions on the bridge. Issuance of this contract will insure completion of the work as soon as possible.

  
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