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TO: Chair and Members of the Board

FROM: Diane Colonna, Executive Director

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RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK ORDER WITH KEITH & ASSOCIATES FOR COLONIAL DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

BACKGROUND:

At the CRA meeting of December 13, 2016 Keith & Associates presented a concept plan to address pedestrian safety improvements on Colonial Drive. Northwest Medical Center staff persons utilize a parking area located on the south side of Colonial Drive, and cross Colonial at an area mid-block to get to the hospital property. The road is curved and visibility is limited, creating concerns over pedestrian safety.

The improvements that were presented included the following:

- Provide an approximately 10' wide median with a pedestrian refuge area at the point where the majority of pedestrian crossings occur. New trees will be planted within the median.
- Provide hedges along the hospital property and the property to the south to discourage pedestrians from crossing at other locations
- Eliminate one of two westbound travel lanes in the subject area
- Increase the vehicular stacking area in the eastbound left turn lane (which currently backs up periodically)
- Install two (2) flashing pedestrian signs
- Provide additional sidewalks, traffic markings and curbing modifications.

There was discussion at the meeting about the possibility of installing a pedestrian signal, which would stop all traffic when pressed by a pedestrian. According to Keith & Associates' traffic engineer, the amount of pedestrian traffic at this location does not meet the required warrants for a stop light (450 pedestrians at peak hour). There are also concerns about stopping traffic completely for longer-than-necessary periods in an area used frequently by emergency vehicles.

The Task Order provides for a survey of the area, plus engineering, landscape and construction plans, as well as construction oversight. The fees for the scope of work included in the Task Order total \$37,600.

Keith and Associates prepared a preliminary construction cost estimate for the project, a copy of which is also in the back up. Note that the cost estimate of approximately \$126,000 does not include permit fees, nor does it include survey and construction design/oversight fees. Associated with this Agenda item is a separate Resolution approving a Budget Transfer to provide the funding necessary to complete the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Task Order with Keith & Associates for improvements to Colonial Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total of the activities included in the Task Order is \$37,600.

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