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MEMORANDUM

TO : STEVE LUTZ, CITY MANAGER
FROM : ROB RICE, CITY ENGINEER
DATE : AUGUST 6, 2001
RE : OLENTANGY RIDGE PATHWAY

Recently, staff received information from ODOT regarding certain impacts of the federal funding upon the project - most significantly involving right-of-way acquisition. When using federal funding, the procedures that must be followed are more stringent and complex than what the City would normally follow. Consequently, the right-of-way acquisition is now anticipated to be much more expensive than originally foreseen.

In a letter from the Assistant Director of Transportation, ODOT projects the cost of right-of-way acquisition to be approximately \$270,000 when following the federally required procedures. (You will recall that the maximum amount of the grant is approximately \$85,000). It is staff's belief that the \$270,000 cost for right-of-way far exceeds what the City intends to commit to this project.

Also, due to other delays within the ODOT review process, it appears that the project will possibly be delayed until the FY 2004 (beginning July 2003), effectively moving construction start time to Spring 2004 (or later).

The cost to the City of receiving the federal dollars exceeds the amount of the grant when one considers the requirements the federal grant imposes. Also, it seems reasonable that the pathway could be constructed prior to 2004, providing the necessary right-of-way could be obtained expeditiously.

Pursuant to staff discussions, it is my recommendation that the City decline the federal funding for this project. Please note that MORPC indicated that declining this grant would in no way affect consideration for future grants.

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July 31, 2001

Mr. David Betz, AICP
 City of Powell
 P.O. Box 1028
 Powell, Ohio 430656-1028

Re: Murphy Parkway / Olentangy Street Signal -Proposal for Mast Arm Construction

Dear Mr. Betz:

We are writing with regards to the proposed traffic signal that we will have installed in the near future as part of our Murphy Park project. Although we have contemplated a strain wire installation, the City has indicated to us that they would like us to consider a mast arm assembly.

Our engineer, EMH & T, Inc. have indicated that the construction cost increase resulting from this change is approximately \$25,000. In order to work with you and give you the finished product you want while still considering budgetary and scheduling concerns, we are prepared to offer that we will upgrade to a mast arm assembly at a cost to the City of \$15,000, which the City will reimburse to us immediately after completion of construction. The remainder of the cost will be borne by us.

As the City is pushing to complete design of the signal as soon as possible, we need immediate direction regarding this offer. Please notify us within the next week so that we may direct our engineers accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

TRIANGLE REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC.

Mark DiSabato/SKF

Mark DiSabato

cc: Craig Bohning
 Larry Creed