



REQUEST FOR ACTION

**Professional Design Services Agreement with WHKS
for the Final Design of Intersection Changes to Park
Ln SE and Marion Rd SE near McQuillan Park
Complex - Project No. J6077**

MEETING DATE:

June 15, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Public Works

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Dillon Dombrovski

Action Requested:

Authorizing a professional design services agreement with WHKS in the amount of \$63,680, for the final design of Intersection Changes to Park Ln SE and Marion Rd SE near McQuillan Park Complex - Project No. J6077.

Report Narrative:

The City Parks and Recreation Department recently completed construction of a new splash pad at McQuillan Park, adjacent to Marion Road, which is a County State Aid Highway. The project included a pedestrian crossing study to evaluate safety needs and identify appropriate improvements for pedestrians needing to cross Marion Road to access McQuillan Park. The study outlined several alternatives, and Olmsted County has recommended moving forward with Alternatives 1 and 3A to provide a safe, well-designed crossing that supports park use.

Alternative 1 would close both the north and south Park Lane intersections with Marion Road and extend the Longfellow School entrance roadway eastward to connect with Park Lane. Alternative 3A would install a raised median at the existing north entrance of Park Lane SE, restricting park access to right in/right out only. A pedestrian refuge island in the median allows pedestrians to cross Marion Road in two stages, which improves safety.

WHKS completed the pedestrian crossing study and has a comprehensive understanding of the project history, site conditions, and alternatives. Because of this, they are best positioned to support the project through final design. WHKS has provided a proposal for final design of these improvements at a cost of \$63,680.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Public Safety
Social Equity

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

The project supports goals outlined by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee, the connectivity goals of the Comprehensive Plan, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guidance for safe routes to parks, and the Active Transportation Plan.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

No prior legislative actions & community engagement.

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

Project costs will be funded jointly by the City Parks and Recreation Department and the Olmsted County Public Works Department on a 50/50 basis, per the cost-sharing agreement.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative actions suggested at this time.

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Attachments:

[Proposal for Design Services - Intersection Changes to Park Lane SE and Marion Road SE near McQuillan Park Complex - Project No. J6077 \(ADA\)](#)

[Exhibit - Olmsted County Cost Share Email Correspondence](#)

[Exhibit - McQuillan Pedestrian Crossing Study](#)

[Map - J6077 Project Location Map](#)