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Subject: Additional Funding Request for BL-0027 Crabtree Creek Greenway at Lassiter Mill

Dear Mr. Lukasina:

The City of Raleigh is pursuing additional funding authorization for the above. Bids were opened on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. A preliminary request was presented to the Technical Coordinating Committee on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 utilizing the Division approved estimate. The information below is what was presented to the Technical Coordinating Committee.

Construction Estimate(reimbursable)	\$4,757,785
Proposed CEI Services	\$804,459.12
<u>Estimated NCDOT Project Administration</u>	<u>\$475,778.50</u>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$6,038,022.62</b>

Below is the current project cost after selecting our bidder on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Construction Cost(reimbursable)	\$6,568,566.00
Designer CA	\$131,400.00
10% Contingency	\$656,856.60
Proposed CEI Services	\$804,459.12
<u>Estimated NCDOT Project Administration</u>	<u>\$475,778.50</u>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$8,637,060.22</b>

This project has experienced significant delays causing costs to escalate from the original LAPP agreement in 2021. Construction costs in general have escalated significantly since 2021 due to various factors. The project delays included flood study and Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) requirements, new endangered species assessment for the Neuse River Waterdog triggered during design, and utility coordination challenges.

Other factors contributing to the cost increase included further advanced design information and feedback from NCDOT during the permitting and cost estimate review process. For example, as additional geotechnical information became available, and design was advanced through permitting, it was determined that additional retaining wall was needed around the end bent of the boardwalk near Hertford Dr.

Guidance from the NCDOT PS&E was followed in finalizing the engineer's estimate with the aim that the project receives bids that come within 10% of the engineer's estimate.

The original project construction estimate was \$1,627,582.00. The City of Raleigh would like to request additional funding from the Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) in the amount of \$3,504,739.11 to be matched by an equal amount of city funding to bring the total project budget to **\$8,637,060.22**.

If approved, the sources of project funding will then be:

Original LAPP Grant (55%)	\$895,170
Original City Match (45%)	\$732,412
Estimated Additional LAPP Funding (50%)	\$3,504,739.11
<u>Estimated Additional City Match (50%)</u>	<u>\$3,504,739.11</u>
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$8,637,060.22</b>

Please contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely,

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