


## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Peter Zanoni, City Manager

**From:** Jeff Edmonds, P.E., Director of Engineering Services 

**Copy:** Mayor and City Council

**Date:** April 28, 2020

**Subject:** **Airline Road from S.P.I.D. to McArdle Project (Bond 2018)**

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### **Issue**

Concerns have been raised by property and business owners about beginning the reconstruction of Airline Road from S.P.I.D. to McArdle Road (in City Council District 4) in the aftermath of the COVID-19 stay at home orders. The concern is that the dual impacts of those two factors could force some of the merchants out of business.

### **Background & Findings**

On March 31, 2020, City Council awarded a contract to JE Construction Services for the Bond 2018 project to reconstruct Airline Road between S.P.I.D. and McArdle Road. Since that time, property owners and merchants in the Gulfway Shopping Center have expressed concerns over proceeding with the subject project as planned. Executive leadership met with representatives of the shopping center and the concerned merchants. The property owners and merchants wish to postpone the construction until after the 2020 holiday shopping season. The delay would allow the merchants an opportunity to better recover their business once COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.

### **Project Status Update**

Engineering Services has reviewed the situation with the contractor. Contract time will be suspended immediately after issuing the Notice to Proceed. The contractor will be able to invoice for bonds, insurance, partial general conditions and any stored material they have obtained. These costs will be minimal. Contract time will resume, and the contractor will be allowed to mobilize in January 2021.

### **Conclusion**

Construction work on the Airline Road Bond 2018 project will be delayed until January 2021. In the meantime, Engineering Services is working on an arrangement that will help utilize JE Services' capacity for the Residential Street Rebuild Program. That contract award is scheduled to be considered by City Council on May 19, 2020. This is a win-win for all parties.