

MOTION:

**August 3, 2021
Regular Meeting**

SECOND:

Res. No. 21-

**RE: AWARD A \$21,985,000 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO BRANCH CIVIL FOR THE
BALLS FORD ROAD (DOANE DRIVE TO ASHTON AVENUE) WIDENING PROJECT -
GAINESVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the scope of the Balls Ford Road (Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue) Widening Project (Project) is a subset of the Balls Ford Road (Groveton Road to Route 234 Business) Widening Project. The Project includes the widening of the 1.2-mile section of Balls Ford Road (Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue) to a four (4) lane divided roadway with a sixteen (16) foot-wide grass median to add on much needed capacity to the system; and the construction of a ten (10) foot-wide shared use path along with a five (5) foot-wide concrete sidewalk along the south and north sides of the road, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the improvements to the Balls Ford Road and Sudley Road (Route 234 business) intersection will be constructed separately as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Transform Interstate 66 Project. The Balls Ford Road improvements from Ashton Avenue to Sudley Road (Route 234 business) were completed by RCKF Bull Run, LLC, as part of the Blackburn development as required in rezoning REZ 2014-00040. The Blackburn development is located 0.5 miles west of the County's Balls Ford Road and Sudley Road (Route 234 business) intersection. As a result, the limits of the Project were adjusted accordingly from Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue for a length of approximately 1.2 miles. The segment from Doane Drive to Groveton Road is picked up by the Balls Ford Interchange Project, VDOT Project Number 6234-076-266, UPC 112815; and

WHEREAS, a County-State agreement was approved by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (Board) on April 10, 2018, via Resolution Number (Res. No.) 18-221, that granted the County local administration over the Project and budgeted and appropriated \$66,244,000 in state funding to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County's Procurement Services advertised an Invitation for Bid (IFB 7235117) on June 11, 2021, to acquire construction services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2021, three (3) sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and evaluated by staff from Procurement Services and the Prince William Department of Transportation. It was determined that the bid received from Branch Civil was the lowest responsive and responsible with an estimated total bid amount of \$21,985,000; and

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WHEREAS, the contract offers an incentive payment of \$1,125,000 if the Interim Milestone Work as described in the contract is completed and approved by County field staff before December 31, 2022. The incentive payment will reduce at a daily rate of \$25,000 for each day the Interim Milestone Work remains incomplete with no incentive payment if the Interim Milestone Work is completed after February 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, \$24,985,732 was encumbered in account number 18C17012 for the construction of the Project, which is sufficient to award the construction contract and the incentive payment of \$1,125,000; and

WHEREAS, County staff recommends that the Board approve this resolution and award a \$21,985,000 construction contract to Branch Civil;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby awards a construction contract in the amount of \$21,985,000 to Branch Civil for the construction of the Balls Ford Road (Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue) Widening Project in the Gainesville Magisterial District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the Transportation Director, or his designee, to sign the contract between Branch Civil and Prince William County based on Sections 100.11(F) and 600.07(A) of the Prince William County Procurement Regulations and approved as to form by the County Attorney's Office.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Director of Transportation

Finance Director

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board



STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date:	August 3, 2021
Agenda Title:	Award a \$21,985,000 Construction Contract to Branch Civil for the Balls Ford Road (Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue) Widening Project
District Impact:	Gainesville Magisterial District
Requested Action:	Award the construction contract.
Department / Agency Lead:	Department of Transportation
Staff Lead:	Ricardo Canizales, Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The altered scope of the Balls Ford Road (Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue) Widening Project (Project) includes the widening of the 1.2-mile section of Balls Ford Road to a four (4) lane divided roadway with a sixteen (16) foot-wide grass median to add on much needed capacity to the system; and the construction of a ten (10) foot-wide shared use path along the south side of the road and a five (5) foot-wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of the road.

The County's Procurement Services advertised an Invitation for Bid (IFB 7235117) for the construction of the Project on June 11, 2021, for construction services. Three (3) sealed bids were received, opened, and evaluated by staff from Procurement Services and the Prince William County Department of Transportation (PWC DOT) on July 12, 2021. It was determined that the bid received from Branch Civil was the lowest responsive and responsible bid with an estimated bid amount of \$21,985,000.

The Project account number 18C17012 has \$24,985,732 encumbered for construction of the Project, which is sufficient to award the construction contract and an incentive payment of \$1,125,000 for the completion and acceptance of the Interim Milestone Work as described in the contract by December 31, 2022.

It is the recommendation of County staff that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (Board) award a \$21,985,000 construction contract to Branch Civil for the Balls Ford Road (Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue) Widening Project in the Gainesville Magisterial District.

BACKGROUND

The scope of the Project includes the widening of the 1.2-mile section of Balls Ford Road (Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue) to a four (4) lane divided roadway with a sixteen (16) foot-wide grass median to add on much needed capacity to the system; and the construction of a ten (10) foot-wide shared use path on the south side of the road and a five (5) foot-wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of the road.

The improvements to the Balls Ford Road and Sudley Road (Route 234 business) intersection will be constructed separately as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Transform Interstate 66 Project. The Balls Ford Road improvements from Ashton Avenue to Sudley Road (Route 234 business) were completed by RCKF Bull Run, LLC, as part of the Blackburn development as required in rezoning REZ 2014-00040. The Blackburn development is located 0.5 miles west of the County's Balls Ford Road and Sudley Road (Route 234 business) intersection. As a result, the limits of the Project were adjusted accordingly from Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue for a length of approximately 1.2 miles. The segment from Doane Drive to Groveton Road is picked up by the Project, VDOT Project Number 6234-076-266, UPC 112815.

The Project is included in the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan that was adopted on March 15, 2016.

A County-State agreement was approved by the Board on April 10, 2018, via Resolution Number (Res. No.) 18-221, that granted the County local administration over the Project and budgeted and appropriated \$66,244,000 in state funds to the Project.

The Project first appeared in the Fiscal Year 2020–2025 Capital Improvement Plan. It was approved by the Planning Commission on April 3, 2019, via Res No. 19-023.

The County's Procurement Services advertised an Invitation for Bid (IFB 7235117) for the construction of the Project on June 11, 2021, for construction services. Three (3) sealed bids were received, opened, and evaluated by staff from Procurement Services and the PWC DOT on July 12, 2021. It was determined that the bid received from Branch Civil was the lowest responsive and responsible bid with an estimated bid amount of \$21,985,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of County staff that the Board award a \$21,985,000 construction contract to Branch Civil for the Project in the Gainesville Magisterial District.

Service Level / Policy Impact

Awarding the construction contract supports the County's Transportation and Mobility Strategic Plan goal of providing an accessible, comprehensive, multi-modal network of transportation infrastructure that improves local and regional mobility.

Fiscal Impact

Currently, \$24,985,732 has been encumbered in account number 18C17012 for the project's construction activities, which is sufficient to award the construction contract and an incentive payment of \$1,125,000.

The contractor will receive the entire incentive payment if the Interim Milestone Work as described in the contract is completed and approved by County field staff before December 31, 2022. The incentive payment will reduce at a daily rate of \$25,000 for each day the Interim Milestone Work remains incomplete with no incentive payment if the Interim Milestone Work is completed after February 14, 2023.

The Interim Milestone Work includes opening Balls Ford Road between Doane Drive and Ashton Avenue and all other sideroad connections to full traffic at minimum intermediate course pavement per the proposed design as well as the final configuration and operation of the traffic signals at Century Park Drive and Ashton Avenue.

This Project was funded with Interstate 66 concessionaire funds as part of VDOT's Transform Interstate 66 Project and so any excess funding can only be applied to the Balls Ford Road (Balls Ford Road at Route 234 Prince William Parkway) Interchange Project (project account number 18C17011), if necessary.

Legal Impact

Award of the construction contract by the Board is in accordance with the Code of Virginia and the County's Procurement Regulations. The contract will be reviewed and approved by the County Attorney's Office.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT

Vicinity Map - The Balls Ford Road (Doane Drive to Ashton Avenue) Widening Project

