



Consent Agenda Bid Award - Contract for Construction

Subject: Bid Award – Wake Bus Rapid Transit – New Bern Avenue Corridor
Package 1 – Rifenburg North Carolina, LLC

Meeting Date: July 1, 2025

Meeting Type: City Council Meeting - First Tuesday - Afternoon & Evening Sessions

Department: Transportation

Sponsor(s): Paul Kallam

Fiscal Impact Yes

Dollar Amount: \$31,520,750

Budgeted Yes

Budget Source: Capital Improvement Program/Wake Transit Plan

Agenda Content:

Het Patel, Transportation

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In November 2016, Wake County voters approved a transit-dedicated half-cent sales tax investment to expand and better connect the public transit network throughout Wake County. The plan will connect the region; connect all Wake County communities; provide frequent, reliable urban mobility; and enhance access to transit. Transit improvements identified in the plan include the implementation of four (4) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors. On September 4, 2018, City Council authorized the mayor to accept the City's project sponsor designation for the Wake Transit Plan's BRT (Wake BRT) projects.

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The Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) New Bern Avenue Project will install approximately 5.4 miles of Bus Rapid Transit corridor including 3.3 miles of dedicated bus lanes and 19 bus platforms at 10 stations along New Bern Avenue, Morgan Street, Edenton Street, Blount Street, and Wilmington Street. The project will add sidewalk and multi-use path along New Bern Avenue from the downtown core to Sunnybrook Road. The sidewalk and path will provide improved multi-modal connectivity by connecting sidewalks, improving pedestrian crossings, installing street trees, and public art at stations. Curb

and gutter and stormwater infrastructure will be added within the corridor to improve stormwater control. Roadway mill and overlay, new pavement markings, intersection improvements (including new mast arms), and water and sewer main replacement are included.

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On January 7, 2025, City Council rejected all bids during the previous construction advertisement. At the February 11, 2025 Council Work Session, staff presented a project status update and approach for splitting construction activities into the following three (3) separate packages:

1. Package 1 – horizontal roadwork construction within downtown areas (South Wilmington Street, Blount Street, New Bern Avenue and Edenton Street) to Poole Road
2. Package 2 – horizontal roadwork construction from Poole Road to I-440 (along New Bern Avenue)
3. Package 3 – horizontal roadwork construction east of I-440 (along New Bern Avenue) and includes all the vertical station construction for the project.

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Package 1 was advertised for construction bids on April 23, 2025. Four (4) sealed bids were received on June 20, 2025. The engineer's estimate for Package 1 was \$27,860,478. Sealed bids were opened, and the apparent lowest bid received was \$28,664,500 with six (6) percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) commitment. Transportation and Engineering Services have reviewed the bid for completeness and responsiveness and recommend award not to exceed \$31,520,750.

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Construction advertisement for Package 2 is anticipated mid-July 2025 with bid opening in mid-September. Construction advertisement for Package 3 is anticipated early October 2025 with bid opening in early December 2025.

Recommended Action: Award the bid to Rifenburg North Carolina, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$31,520,750 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Contract Properties:

Name of Project:	Wake Bus Rapid Transit New Bern Avenue
Name of Vendor:	Rifenburg North Carolina, LLC
Managing Division:	Transportation – Transit
Approval Request:	Bid Award

Reason for Council Review:	Construction Contract Amount > \$500,000
Original Project Budget:	\$28,664,500
Construction Bid Award:	\$28,664,500
Encumbered with this approval:	\$28,664,500
Budget Transfer	N/A