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**Blue Ridge District**  
*NewsFlash*



## Route 7/287 Interchange Improvement Project Update

**Board Approves Contract Award Increase for Community  
Requested Shared Use Path**

Sent: October 4, 2021



I want to thank my colleagues for unanimously approving \$61,900 of additional Roadway and Civil Design funding for the Rt 7/Rt 287 Interchange Improvements project!

**This new funding will allow for design of a new shared use path along the west side of Route 287, from Eastgate Drive to the W&OD Trail (a length of approximately 1,400 Linear Feet), which was not included in the original scope of services.**

Thanks to great community feedback, we were able to add this newly envisioned path to the Rt 7/Rt 287 Improvements project!

The Rt 7/Rt 287 interchange project is a state and county funded capital improvement project that will plan, design and construct operational improvements to the Interchange. In addition to roadway improvements, the project will include pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements to the W&OD Trail, along with the newly funded shared use path mentioned above.

**Project Design is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2022. Construction is currently anticipated to begin around Fall of 2023 with expected completion between Fall of 2024 and Spring of 2025.**

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All our best!



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUSINESS MEETING  
ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT: FINANCE/GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
REPORT: Roadway and Civil Design Services for Route 7 and Route 287 Interchange Improvements

ELECTION DISTRICT: Blue Ridge

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: September 21, 2021

STAFF CONTACTS: Christopher B.asley, Finance and Budget  
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James Zeller, Transportation and Capital Infrastructure  
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PURPOSE: To increase the award authority of the contract for the Roadway and Civil Design Services for Route 7 and Route 287 Interchange Improvements.

RECOMMENDATION: **DESIGN UPDATE APPROVED**

Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee (FGOEDC): At its September 14, 2021 Meeting, the FGOEDC recommended that the Board of Supervisors increase the award authority of the contract for the Roadway and Civil Design Services for Route 7 and Route 287 Interchange Improvements with Volkert, Inc. by \$61,900 for a new total amount of \$2,054,702.20.

Staff: Staff concurs with the recommendation of the FGOEDC.

BACKGROUND: Request for Proposal No. 72776 was issued on March 19, 2019, for Roadway and Civil Design Services for Route 7 and Route 287 Interchange Improvements. Nine (9) proposals were received on May 3, 2019, and evaluated by a Proposal Analysis Group (PAG) from the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure.

Based on the evaluations of the proposals submitted, the PAG decided to shortlist and interview the top three (3) ranked firms. The Notice of Final Ranking was issued on August 22, 2019, with Volkert, Inc. being determined to be the most qualified firm. The final ranking of the firms was as follows.

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