



# Town of Knightdale

## *Staff Report*

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Title: First Avenue & Smithfield Road  
Sidewalk Design Project

Staff : Tucker Fulle, Senior Planner -  
Transportation

Date: November 19, 2025

Director Signature: JB

Asst. Town Manger Signature: DT

Town Manager Signature: WRS

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Town plans to proceed with engaging a licensed engineering firm to design approximately 1.1 miles of sidewalk along the First Avenue and Smithfield Road corridor(s) in the vicinity of Harper Park and through the intersection of First Avenue and Smithfield Road which is actively being improved to increase roadway capacity by NCDOT via State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project Y-4805F but notable did not include pedestrian improvements. In anticipation of this project the Town has budgeted \$450,000.00 for the design work in the currently adopted and effective FY2026 annual budget.

### **SUMMARY**

In anticipation of kickoff this project in FY2026, staff sent out a Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services (RFQ #26-20250715). Staff received a total of eight (8) responses to the RFQ, the selection committee scored the responses, and the top three (3) firms were selected for in-person interviews. Based upon the interviews conducted, the top scoring firm and selected consultant is McAdams. We have negotiated a scope of services and price with McAdams totaling \$497,838.12 and recommend authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract with them to complete the design work estimated to begin in early January 2026.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- Authorize the Town Manager to enter into contract with McAdams to complete the identified sidewalk design project.