

APPENDIX: PARTNERS

Knoxville's Community Development Corporation will serve as the lead applicant. KCDC is the facility owner of the arterial roadways included within this proposal and serves as the redevelopment agency for the City of Knoxville. KCDC has extensive experience in leading community-driven design processes, managing and expending HUD funding, and leading multi-million capital construction projects, including over \$110 million in 2022 construction projects. Directly related to this DOT application is Phase 3 of KCDC's Austin Homes redevelopment. Austin Homes is one of the original early 1940's segregated public housing sites in Knoxville. 129 units of substandard subsidized housing have been removed and a total of 430 units of mixed income housing, including replacement of the 129 deeply subsidized units, is planned. Phase 1 of the project is complete, Phase 2 is under construction, and Phase 3 is in the planning stages. Total capital costs for the complete Austin Homes project are expected to be \$134.5 million. We are committed to providing support to improve connectivity through and around the Austin Homes site, now named First Creek at Austin, including connecting with the City's planned enhancements between East downtown Knoxville and emerging economic development areas in the Old City section and the Southern part of the downtown area.

Our commitment includes \$4.3 million designated for the following projects: the construction of a vehicular bridge over First Creek, directly connecting the Austin Homes site to the stadium area (\$3,100,000 local public funds, \$400,000 private funds), a signalized crosswalk on Summit Hill Avenue connecting the Austin Homes site with Green Magnet Elementary (\$150,000 local public funds), installation of a new 760' section of 10' sidewalk and greenway from Harriet Tubman Street thru the Austin Homes site (\$100,000 private funds) and a new sidewalk on Summit Hill Avenue between MLK Blvd and Fort Summit Way (\$120,000 private funds). In addition, KCDC received a commitment of private dollars from the PetSafe Foundation to provide a dog park within Austin Homes valued at \$500,000.

City of Knoxville serves as the facility owner for several of the arterial roads and pathways included in this proposal. City of Knoxville will commit engineering services to complete projects located on City owned land. The City will also coordinate with KCDC, the State Department of Transportation, and the Knoxville-Knox County Sports Authority Board to ensure smooth implementation across the project. The city's commitment is part of the local public funds previously committed and outlined within the individual partner commitments of \$15.48 million. The City will provide easements where the City holds ownership of the Right of Way.

State of Tennessee serves as the facility owner for James White Parkway. The State has provided their standard, renewable 10-year lease to the City of Knoxville for the construction of a permanent multi-modal pathway on James White Bridge. The state has provided \$950,000 of state funds and \$4,750,216 million from federal sources towards the overall project, all from federal sources.

The Knoxville-Knox County Sports Authority Board will serve as a key partner within the proposal. The Sports Authority, a public entity, is the land owner for the new ballpark area. This land will have publicly accessible amenities we plan to connect to and will provide greater connection for residents where vehicles are not allowed. The Sports Authority will provide the funds for extending the multi-modal paths through their property and will provide \$21 million towards the overall project (\$14 million from local public funds, \$7 million from a Sports Authority bond issuance), all from non-federal sources. The Sports Authority Board will coordinate with KCDC and the City of Knoxville to ensure smooth implementation across the project.

Bike Walk Knoxville works to improve biking and walking opportunities within the City of Knoxville community. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will serve on the community advisory group.

African-American Equity Task Force was created by the City of Knoxville to study, review, and identify strategic solutions to improve areas of disparity and disenfranchisement in the Black community, work with existing agencies in the community, and develop policy, programs and recommendations that will establish opportunities for generational wealth building in the Black community. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will serve on the community advisory group.

Beck Cultural Exchange Center is an East Tennessee nonprofit organization established in 1975 as a result of Knoxville's Urban Renewal projects. Beck is the storehouse of African American history and culture and is designated by the state as a primary repository of Black history and culture in East Tennessee. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will serve on the community advisory group.

Knoxville Area Urban League assists disadvantaged people to attain social and economic stability and self-sufficiency through direct services and advocacy. The League works to provide a skilled and diverse workforce; to increase homeownership; to support economic and small business development, and to enhance education efforts for our youth. The Urban League will assist in contracting with quality firms representative of our community and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.

Legacy Parks is an East Tennessee nonprofit organization working to ensure that our community enjoys exceptional recreational opportunities, natural beauty and open spaces, and that these assets exist for generations to come. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.

Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum (KBGA) is a 501(c)3 located on 47 acres of former Howell Nurseries, featuring walking trails, display gardens, unique & historic horticulture and over two miles of distinctive stone walls and timeless buildings, just five minutes, by car, from downtown. There is a lack of sidewalks and bike paths through the surrounding neighborhoods to the Gardens. The new East Knoxville Greenway will connect KBGA closer to the downtown area. The other pathways will further connect residents to this

hidden resource in the community. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.

The Change Center is a 501(c)3 center-city space where teens and young adults are valued, safe, and their hope is nurtured by providing a strategically-located partnership facility that makes recreation, leadership development, and job opportunities available. The Change Center grew out of the Save Our Sons Initiative focused on reducing violence-related deaths and increasing opportunities for success among teens and young adults in the downtown area. The Change Center is located near the intersection of the new East Knox Greenway and the First Creek at Austin Connector. These connections will provide for teens to access opportunities at the Change Center and provide safe walking and biking paths from three schools (Green Magnet Academy, Vine Middle School, and Austin-East High School). They will serve as a community partner and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.

Knoxville-Knox County Planning (Planning) is the agency responsible for comprehensive county-wide planning and administration of land subdivision regulations. Their mission is to create healthy, vibrant communities, where all residents engage, home and travel choices fulfill, businesses thrive, and natural and cultural treasures inspire. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.