



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of December 8, 2012**

DATE: November 8, 2012

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement Number 657-12 with Fort Myer Construction Corporation for the extension of pavement improvements from the Clarendon Metro Plaza project area westward to the end of Clarendon Central Park.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement Number 657-12 with Fort Myer Construction Corporation for the installation of pavement improvements from the Clarendon Metro Plaza project area westward through the remainder of Clarendon Central Park, in the amount of \$174,830.00, and authorize an allocation of \$22,770.00 as a contingency for change orders and increased quantities, for a total increased contract authorization of \$197,600.00. This amount (\$197,600) along with the amount approved in May 2012 (\$764,750.89) will bring the total contract authorization for Agreement 657-12 to \$962,350.89.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the amended contract documents, subject to the prior review and approval of those documents by the County Attorney.

ISSUES: County Board approval is required for an amendment of the Agreement's contract amount. There are no outstanding issues.

SUMMARY: Improvements at the Clarendon Metro plaza that are currently in progress are expected to be completed in December 2012. The physical extent of those improvements will end approximately at the center of Clarendon Central Park near the Clarendon Metro elevator and would create a disjointed appearance to the park. Extending the current construction contract for the east end of the park to include similar work at the west end of the park will allow the entire Clarendon Central Park to be visually unified while bringing the west end of the park into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. By coordinating the pavement extension on the west end of the park to immediately follow the work around the Clarendon Metro Plaza, the County will also have some cost savings due to the contractor's equipment and basic materials being already mobilized on site. This is a request to increase the authorized amount of Agreement No. 657-12 with Fort Myer Construction Corporation in order to complete Parks Capital Maintenance improvements at Clarendon Central Park.

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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Staff: M. Valerie Mosley, Landscape Architect, DPR

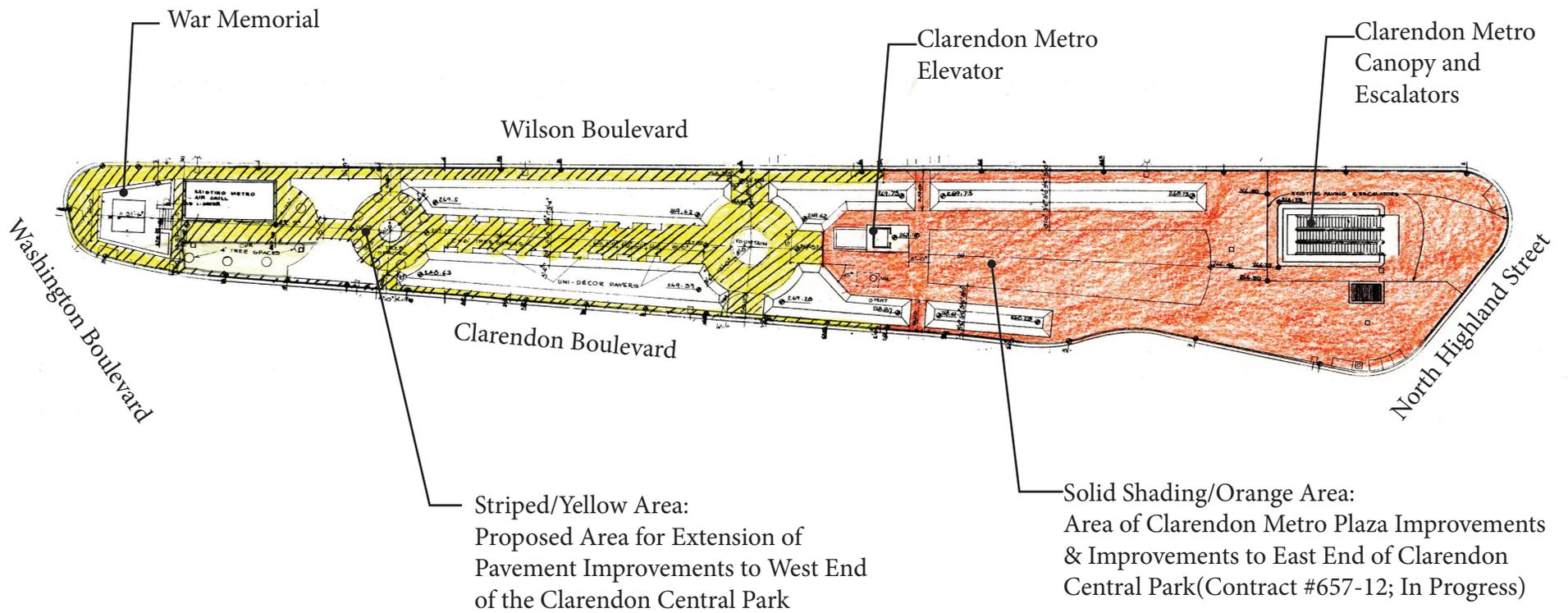
BACKGROUND: Clarendon Central Park is a very busy urban plaza bounded by North Highland Street, Wilson Boulevard, Washington Boulevard and Clarendon Boulevard. The east side of the park, which surrounds the Clarendon Metro Station escalators and elevator, is currently undergoing extensive renovation to accommodate the high volume of pedestrian traffic and the programmed activities that occur within the park. The amended, increased contract amount will allow the County to extend the Parks Maintenance Capital work to the west end of the park after completion of the work underway at the park's east end. The main improvements to the west end will be hard-surface work replacing existing pavers with ADA-compliant, smooth rolling concrete surface pavers in light and dark gray that will match the east end.

The limits of paved area will deviate slightly from the existing paved surface at the extreme west end of the park in order to bring the pavement into compliance with the ADA. The west end of the park features a stone monument that was relocated to the site in 1987. The monument recognizes residents of Arlington who fought in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The monument will not be affected by the proposed work. To achieve accessibility around the monument, the paved area approaching the monument will be flattened and a mulched bed will be created around two existing trees to transition the grade change. This will also improve the growing conditions for these two existing trees. Additionally, this project will replace existing curb ramps located near the west end of the park. The existing benches are beyond their useful life and will be replaced as part of the project. The existing irrigation system will be upgraded and linked with the new irrigation system at the east end of the park, facilitating operational control of the irrigation system. The existing trash cans will remain.

DISCUSSION: At its May 2012 meeting, the County Board authorized the award of Agreement No. 657-12 to Fort Myer Construction Corp. for Clarendon Metro Plaza Improvements. The work covered by that Agreement includes new pedestrian paving, curb extensions on Clarendon Boulevard, new seating, new irrigation for plantings, lighting, and other site furnishings. The amendment proposed by this Board Report will include additional work to install pedestrian paving that will match the pavers recently installed at the east end of the park near the Metro facilities, new seating, and new irrigation that will connect with the east end irrigation system. The cost for this additional work was determined using unit prices provided in Agreement No. 657-12. Based on this data, the additional improvements to the west end of the park are expected to cost \$174,830. A contingency fund of \$22,770 is recommended for any necessary change orders and increased quantities. Therefore, the total proposed increase is \$197,600.

Department of Parks and Recreation staff has confirmed with Purchasing that this additional work is within the scope of the prior procurement activity that led to Agreement Number 657-12.

FISCAL IMPACT: As staff prepared to move forward with the FY 2013 Parks Maintenance Capital projects, there was a reassessment of current projects. The bundling of the work at Clarendon Central Park with the existing work underway was identified as having a higher priority than the athletic court project at Stratford Park. The Stratford Park project can be delayed as the civic engagement and design development processes for that project have not yet begun. The Stratford Park project will be reevaluated as part of the FY 2014 budget process. Funding for this project is provided by the FY 2013 Parks Maintenance Capital Program. Funds are available from FY 2013 Pay-As-You-Go funds in account 313.80001.CCPC.



Clarendon Central Park

Arlington, Virginia

Illustrative Area Plan

Area of Current Improvements Near Clarendon Metro Facilities & Area of Proposed Paver Replacement at East End of the Park

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