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Memorandum

To: Ryan Dahlke, P.E., Consultant Design Engineer
From: Terry Voeller, P.E., CTEP/TA Project Engineer
Through: Dave Holien, P.E., CTEP/TA Engineer
Date: April 1, 2016
Subject: **Certification**
Project No.: TA 51(65)
Project Name: MAIN STREET ADA RAMPS - SHELBY
Control No.: 8698

The City of Shelby certifies that in accordance with requirements of 23 CFR 635.411 (a)(2) that these patented proprietary items are essential for synchronization with existing facilities.

Background Information

The City of Shelby applied for and received funding for a Transportation Alternatives project described as: develop and construct ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps along Main Street between 3rd & 5th Avenues, and along 5th Avenue between Main Street and Front Street.

The City has adopted a standard tree grate that provides for consistent aesthetics in their downtown business district. The City wishes to provide at no cost to the project two tree grates that are to be installed by MDT's contractor. The tree grates are made of cast aluminum, but the frames are made of steel that does not meet Buy America. The non-Buy America steel for each frame was purchased at \$134. Therefore, a total of \$268 will be deducted from the allowable non-Buy America steel allowed by MDT's contractor.

Request

The City of Shelby requests the MDT construction contractor to install the following tree grates and frames to be provided by them:

- Market St, CAST ALUMINUM tree grate, 30" square
- 30" square one piece steel angle frame, standard cement anchors

Justification

The City of Shelby believes that the use of the above-mentioned tree grates should be conferred proprietary item status as:

- This product provides aesthetic continuity with existing improvements currently in place.

This is a project specific request. Specifying these products is in the public interest given the bullet point above.

Approved _____ Date _____
Ryan Dahlke, P.E.

Attachments: Letter from the City of Shelby Mayor
Letter from KLJ, MDT's project consultant
Sales Order Confirmation from Ironsmith, Inc.

cc: Lisa Durbin – MDT Construction Administration Engineer
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Terry Voeller – MDT CTEP/TA Project Engineer

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