



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

November 6, 2019

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Discuss/consider report on the status of the replacement bus shelter located in the Parkade

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss/consider report and provide direction to staff.

DISCUSSION

Staff has been working with a volunteer, John Romaidis, to design the bus shelter for the Parkade. The shelter design has been completed. A licensed architect prepared drawings based on Mr. Romaidis's design. The architect's estimate was that shelter would cost between \$68,000 to \$83,000 to construct. The estimate does include material cost and the added cost of reinforced concrete footings to support the shelter. We estimate the cost of materials (cedar) to range between \$10,000 to \$15,000. The one preliminary estimate we have received from one contractor was \$65,000, not including the benches or lattice work. We are waiting for proposals from other contractors. Mr. Romaidis indicated he believes the contractor he spoke to could construct the shelter for significantly less than \$65,000 and he has asked him for a proposal.

The original intent of Mr. Romaidis was that he would take time off work to coordinate volunteer contractors to construct the shelter. We indicated that this project would be very time consuming and that it would be more efficient to retain a contractor to construct the shelter with Mr. Romaidis serving in an advisory role during construction.

Given the current status and potential significant costs, below are some issues for Town Council discussion/consideration and direction.

- 1) If the project exceeds \$60,000, we are required to formally bid the project out which will require some time.
- 2) Revisit the concept of volunteers constructing the shelter with components such as the footings and cutting the wood being performed by a contractor retained by the Town.
- 3) We can try to value-engineer the structure.
- 4) Should the Town install a temporary shelter, if a permanent shelter cannot be constructed by the beginning of January 2020. Does the Council need to review the temporary shelter before it is installed.

- 5) There are pre-cut, craftsman style, wooden pavilion structures that can be used for bus shelters. The structures can be installed using volunteers, contractors, or a combination thereof. Staff will provide more information on this option prior to the meeting. The cost is probably half the costs of constructing the shelter as designed.

Based on the Council's discussions, staff will have a better idea of how to proceed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost depends on the type of structure. The Marin Transit Authority has offered to contribute \$10,000 towards the structure, but they do have some concerns that would need to be addressed to meet their access/facility requirements. Council direction on the shelter will determine if staff should evaluate MTA's requirements.

ATTACHMENT

Drawings