

Figure 2: Conceptual Alignment, East Wenatchee Side Credit: Exeltech Consulting, Inc.

A request for proposals was issued January 5, 2023 and three proposals were received on February 7, 2023. City staff, along with City of East Wenatchee staff, determined Exeltech Consulting, Inc. to be the most qualified based on the proposals submitted and interviews completed, to perform engineering services for this project.

In order to facilitate this project staff recommends executing an initial agreement to complete all alternative analysis, environmental permitting, stakeholder coordination and preliminary design which will be crucial in establishing the full project footprint. At the conclusion of this agreement, it is intended that the City would complete a supplemental agreement with the consultant to complete final design documents.

The selection process was conducted in accordance with Chapter 39.80 RCW – Contracts for Architectural and Engineering Services.

IV. FISCAL IMPACT

This project falls within the Apple Capital Loop budget (Project No. 2201) that was approved by the City Council on November 17, 2022. The amount of this initial agreement is expected to be around \$750,000 with an anticipated supplement for final design in the range of \$250,000.

V. PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE

This project is scheduled for construction approval in September 2024 with actual construction activities beginning in Spring 2025 and continuing through Fall 2026.