

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Motion to reject all bids for Bid No. 24001, NE 8th Street and I-405 Crossing Improvements and Beautification Project (CIP Plan Nos. NEP-2, PW-R-199, PW-M-20, CD-22 and CD-37). This project is partially funded by the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

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RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In 2019, residents in the Downtown neighborhood area submitted a project idea and selected funding for a capital project that would improve pedestrian safety on the NE 8th Street overpass bridge from the City's Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). This project will construct crosswalk safety improvements including the installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons, upgraded crosswalk markings, shortened crossing distances, and make improvements to curb ramps at each of the eight freeway on-ramp and off-ramps on NE 8th Street at I-405. The project will also remove the existing asphalt islands and replace them with new landscaped islands. The added landscaping will provide a buffer for pedestrians and improve the appearance of this important entrance into Downtown and BelRed.

Since the overall project cost exceeded the funding allocation from the NEP-2 budget, other City programs will also support project implementation. Additional funding will be provided from the Enhanced ROW/Urban Boulevards (CIP CD-22), Downtown Community Development Implementation (CIP CD-37) programs. This project is also partially funded by the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy approved by voters in November 2016. The Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity component (CIP Plan PW-R-199) of the Levy funds five project types including safety, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, intelligent transportation systems and maintenance.

Following verification of bid submittals, the bids received were as follows:

Road Construction Northwest, Inc.

\$3,548,794.70

Engineer's Estimate

\$1,818,753.00

The low bid amount is approximately 48.7 percent over the Engineer's Estimate. Based on the review of the low bid received and interviews with plan holders (potential bidders), staff is not recommending awarding this bid. A busy construction season, the timing of the bidding of this project, the night work requirements and the lack of availability of electrical subcontractors are all factors in the lack of bids received and the one high bid received. Staff will rebid the project in the fall of 2024 in more favorable market conditions.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Comprehensive Plan:

- TR-26. Design, implement, and maintain transportation system improvements and deliver transportation services and programs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Policy TR-53. Maintain and enhance safety for all users of the roadway network.
- Policy TR-55. Maintain and enhance safety for all users of the roadway network.
- Policy TR-109. Promote and facilitate walking and bicycling.
- Policy TR-116. Improve the opportunities for pedestrians to safely cross streets at intersections and designated mid-block locations.
- TR-122. Improve the opportunities for pedestrians to safely cross streets at intersections and designated mid-block locations.
- TR-138. Provide and prioritize transportation funding to meet Performance Targets for people walking, biking, riding transit, and travelling in a car.

Fiscal Impact

Rejection of this bid will not obligate the City to a contract. Re-bidding in the near future will provide a new set of bids and the fiscal impacts will be evaluated at that time. This contract will be funded through the 2023-2029 General and Utilities Capital Investment Programs (CIP): Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity Levy Program (PW-R-199), Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP-2), Minor Capital – Signals and Lighting Program (PW-M-20), Enhanced Right of Way and Urban Boulevards Program (CD-22) and the Downtown Community Development Implementation Program (CD-37).

OPTIONS

1. Reject all bids for Bid No. 24001, NE 8th Street and I-405 Crossing Improvements and Beautification Project (CIP Plan Nos. NEP-2, PW-R-199, PW-M-20, CD-22 and CD-37)
2. Do not reject all bids and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Vicinity Map
- B. Project Description (NEP-2)
- C. Project Description (PW-R-199)

- D. Project Description (PW-M-20)
- E. Project Description (CD-22)
- F. Project Description (CD-37)

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

N/A