

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Motion to reject all bids for Bid No. 22048 for 2022 Utilities On-Call Asphalt Restoration, revise the bidder qualification criteria, and call for bids at a later date.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This motion will reject all bids for Bid No. 22048 for 2022 Utilities On-Call Asphalt Restoration. JB Asphalt was the only contractor to submit a bid. However, the bid exceeds the Engineer's Estimate (\$1,329,480) by 83 percent or an additional \$1,108,835.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to reject all bids for Bid No. 22048 for 2022 Utilities On-Call Asphalt Restoration, revise the bidder qualification criteria, and call for bids at a later date.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

Bid No. 22048 sought proposals for an on-call contract for permanent roadway and sidewalk surface repairs. Permanent surface repairs replace temporary patches following utility installs, repairs, or infrastructure degradation on City streets. Permanent repairs are needed to meet City standards, reduce the probability of damages and claims, and to meet the City's customer service goals. The on-call contract also provides for expedited services in making repairs to infrastructure at reduced costs.

The following bid(s) was/were received on September 15:

JB Asphalt	\$2,438,315
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**Engineer's Estimate** **\$1,329,480**

The low bid from JB Asphalt is \$2,438,315, or 83 percent greater than the Engineer's Estimate. This is likely due to the current bidding climate as well as bidder qualification criteria that needs revision to allow more bidders to potentially bid on the project.

To the best of staff's knowledge, all factors that normally contribute to construction expense have been accounted for in the plans and in the Engineer's Estimate. Therefore, staff recommend rejection of the bid, making adjustments to the bidder qualification criteria, and re-bidding this project in the near future.

**POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS****Policy Impact**Bellevue City Code

BCC 4.28.040(A) requires the City to competitively bid public works in accordance with state and local law. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceed \$90,000.

BCC 4.28.040(I) authorizes the City Council to “reject any or all bids in its discretion and make further call for bids.”

Comprehensive Plan

TR-53 Maintain and enhance safety for all users of the roadway network.

TR-54 Ensure that maintenance of the existing transportation system be given priority consideration.

**Fiscal Impact**

Rejecting this bid does not commit the City to a contract. Rejecting this bid, revising the bidding criteria, and re-bidding this project in the near future is expected to result in a lower bid amount. However, the expected construction budget may need to be increased, depending on project criteria and/or bid results. This contract is intended to be funded through:

- Water Utility Fund
- Wastewater Utility Fund
- Surface Water Utility Fund
- Major Maintenance Program (CIP Plan No. PW-M-19)

**OPTIONS**

1. Reject all bids for Bid No. 22048 for 2022 Utilities On-Call Asphalt Restoration, revise the bidder qualification criteria, and call for bids at a later date.
2. Award the contract to the low and only bidder.
3. Reject the bid and provide alternative direction to staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

N/A

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