

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **SUBJECT:**

Motion to award Bid No. 16003, NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Improvement Project (CIP Plan PW-R-176) as part of the Early Implementation of the Downtown Transportation Plan, to Agostino Construction Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$333,046.00.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Awarding this bid will obligate the City to enter into a contract for \$333,046.00 to construct ramp and walkway improvements and landscaping along the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Corridor just west of 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. This amount is approximately 1.5% above the Engineer's Estimate

Sufficient funding exists to complete the project in the 2015-2021 Capital Investment Program (CIP Plan No. PW-R-176, Early Implementation of the Downtown Transportation Plan).

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### **POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The Transportation Commission transmitted its recommendation for the Downtown Transportation Plan to Council on October 7, 2013. Council directed that the Commission and staff proceed to implement the Plan. There are two components of implementation:

- 1) Update to the Downtown Subarea Plan policies, integrated with the Downtown Livability Initiative; and,
- 2) Develop small capital projects that can make a big difference to mobility in general, access to transit in particular, and overall quality of life.

The Transportation Commission has prepared a final recommendation for transportation policy amendments to the Downtown Subarea Plan – these are being integrated with potential land use policies through the Planning Commission's work on the Downtown Livability Initiative.

The following Transportation Element policies and existing and recommended Downtown Subarea Plan policies are applicable to this small capital project on the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Corridor:

Transportation Element:

- TR-27. Design, implement, and maintain transportation system improvements and deliver transportation services and programs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- TR-103. Promote and facilitate walking and bicycling.

Downtown Subarea Plan:

- S-DT-45. Continue to encourage the NE 6th Street Pedestrian Corridor as a major unifying feature for Downtown Bellevue.

- S-DT-57. Create pedestrian linkages within and between the Downtown Districts as well as to surrounding residential areas outside Downtown.
- S-DT-158. Provide for the needs of bicycles and pedestrians in the design and construction of new facilities in Downtown, especially in the vicinity of the Transit Center, along the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street pedestrian corridor, and on 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE where on-street parking and/ or wider sidewalks may be appropriate.
- S-DT-163. Designate and enhance bicycle routes through Downtown to create a pleasant and safe environment for bicycling.
- *S-DT-Recommended. Implement design components and wayfinding along the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Corridor to create an accessible connection.*
- *S-DT-Recommended. Develop and implement a concept design to better accommodate accessible travel through appropriate grades and the use of special paving treatments, wayfinding and widening.*

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Downtown Transportation Plan supports the future Downtown growth and mobility through a multimodal transportation system. This Early Implementation CIP program funds high priority improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities with small investments that will make a big difference to Downtown safety and mobility. The Transportation Commission identified the need to improve several Downtown intersections and corridors to the benefit of pedestrian and bicycle comfort, safety and access to jobs, services and transit, particularly for connections to planned light rail stations.

The Downtown Subarea Plan identifies the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Corridor, between Bellevue Way and 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, as an important multimodal connection for pedestrians and bicyclists. Through community walking tours conducted during the Downtown Transportation Plan Update, the narrow and steep section of the Pedestrian Corridor just west of the Bellevue Transit Center emerged as a significant constraint to non-motorized mobility, especially for those on wheels, or pushing wheels. The Transportation Commission supported a retrofit to this Pedestrian Corridor ramp as a high priority project for early implementation.

The planned project will widen the ramp to eight feet to improve capacity, extend the ramp to lessen the running slope, provide a handrail with integrated and changeable LED illumination, retrofit existing pedestrian scale lighting with LED components, and upgrade the landscaping. Embedded in the ramp will be inductive loop detectors to automatically and continually count bicyclists. Repairs will be made to the sidewalk at the top of the ramp and the northern curb ramp at NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE will be widened to better connect with planned improvements on the north sidewalk of the Transit Center.

Staff from Transportation, Planning and Community Development, and Parks and Community Services Departments collaborated to ensure that the design is consistent with all related programs and that long-term maintenance is assured.



This project will replace the steep and narrow ramp on the Pedestrian Corridor

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

A1 Landscape & Construction	\$685,936.00
Westwater Construction	461,005.00
Award Construction	425,433.50
NPM Construction	368,698.00
Kamins Construction	365,009.92
Agostino Construction	333,046.00
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$327, 984.00</b>

Sealed bids were opened on February 3, 2016, and the low bidder was Agostino Construction Inc. While the bids did exceed the Engineer's Estimate, staff believes that the low bid is valid and acceptable given the number of bidders that this project received and higher construction costs typically associated with building projects in the downtown core. Staff recommends to award the bid to Agostino Construction Inc. as they are qualified to perform the work and are willing to do the work for the awarded contract price.

To the best of our knowledge and professional judgement, all factors that normally contribute to construction expenses have been accounted for in the Plans, Specifications and Estimate. Based on our experience, projects of this type may result in some minor field changes. All claims are rigorously reviewed and only those that are clearly necessary to accomplish the intent of the contract, but have somehow not been provided for, will be paid.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

If approved, this Motion becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Award Bid No. 16003, NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Corridor Improvements Project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-176) to Agostino Construction Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$333,046.00; or
2. Award Bid No. 16003 to another bidder if the low bidder is rejected; or
3. Reject all bids and provide alternative direction to staff.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Option 1.

**MOTION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Vicinity Map

CIP Project Description (PW-R-176)

**AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY:**

Final Design Plans