



**Contract and Award Letter
Purchase Resolution – Exhibit “A”**

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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COPY: City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and Stan Rowden, Senior Buyer, Finance/Procurement
SUBJECT: Baker Middle School SRTS
 Request for Bids Specification No. PW25-0028F, Contract No. CW2282857 – July 7, 2026, City Council
DATE: June 11, 2026

Initial Initial
 

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

The Public Works Department recommends awarding a contract to Axum General Construction Inc, Maple Valley, WA, in the amount of \$1,222,088.71, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a project contract amount of \$1,344,297.58, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund 1060, for the improvement of pedestrian and safety facilities adjacent to Baker Middle School, including bulb-outs, channelization, pedestrian hybrid beacon, curb ramps, sidewalk upgrades, and substantial upgrades to the South 80th Street and South Yakima Avenue intersection to provide safe transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facility access.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project supports a comprehensive suite of improvements surrounding Baker Middle School, which showcases outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment by prioritizing safe, non-motorized infrastructure, providing additional canopy through the planting of 18 trees, and encouraging a shift away from single-occupancy vehicles, which reduces emissions and improves air quality. Included in this project is education and encouragement outreach, which includes educating students on the importance of non-motorized transportation, safe transit use, and a bike/helmet event to promote a safe city with healthy residents. Additionally, the focus on non-motorized facilities helps promote an active, safe, and healthy alternative to school access.

BACKGROUND:

Baker Middle School is in a “very low” opportunity area, according to Tacoma’s Equity Index Map. Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility is critical for the area, as 23 percent of the surrounding area has a disability, and only 0.04 miles of sidewalk/bikeway infrastructure are in the vicinity. Most notably, the South 80th Street and South Yakima Avenue intersection has been upgraded substantially to provide equitable access to public transportation and non-motorized access. This project is part of the City’s Transportation and Mobility Plan and addresses the lack of safe pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure, ADA-compliant access, and speed reduction improvements, ensuring that all residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs. These challenges are addressed through a thoughtful design, including additional sidewalk connections and cyclist channelization and separation, speed reduction measures such as speed humps and bulb-outs, and ADA-compliant curb ramps and sidewalk. A hybrid pedestrian



signal will be installed at the South J Street and South 84th Street intersection to ensure safe crossings for all residents.

ISSUE: This construction project addresses pedestrian and cyclist safety and accessibility, as well as ADA-compliant upgrades and safe crossings at multiple intersections.

ALTERNATIVES: The primary alternative is a “no build” scenario, in which none of the proposed improvements are implemented. This would leave the existing concerns unaddressed and would include returning \$1,305,092.00 in federal funds. Additionally, the community has been vocally supportive of the project and has expectations that the project will be constructed.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:

Request for Bids Specification No. PW25-0028F was opened May 26, 2026. Four hundred eighty-five companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Five submittals were received.

Axum General Construction Inc submitted a bid that resulted in the lowest evaluated submittal. The table below reflects the amount of the base award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
Axum General Construction Inc	Maple Valley, WA	\$1,222,088.71
Reed Trucking & Excavating Inc	Puyallup, WA	\$1,271,946.00
Active Construction Inc	Puyallup, WA	\$1,495,495.00
Northwest Cascade Inc	Puyallup, WA	\$1,501,300.00
Titan Earthwork LLC	Pacific, WA	\$1,526,978.00

Pre-bid Estimate: \$1,226,873.00

The recommended award is 0.39 percent below the pre-bid estimate.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: This project supports sustainability by prioritizing safe, accessible, and low-carbon transportation options through a comprehensive set of multimodal improvements across the corridor.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable - includes federal funding - reference EIC Regulations Section 5

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable.

FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM (FSBE): There is an FSBE goal of 12 percent. Per Local Programs memo LPB-2026-01-R0 dated January 6, 2026, the FSBE program is not a condition of award and cannot be used to evaluate bidders at award. The FSBE goal is a contract requirement.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060 - Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund	PWK-G0054-05-01	5330100	\$1,344,297.58
TOTAL			Up to \$1,344,297.58

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Safe Routes to School Grant	PWK-G0054-FS-04	4333240	(\$1,305,092.00)
REET 2	PWK-G0054-FS-02	6311102	(\$39,205.58)
TOTAL			Up to (\$1,344,297.58)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,344,297.58

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A

VICINITY MAP



SCALE: NTS

LOCATION:

S 80th St from Yakima Ave to S J St, S J St from 80th to 84th



Agency Name: **City of Tacoma**
 Project Title: **Baker Middle School SRTS**
 Project Limits : **S 80th St from Yakima Ave to S J St / S J St from 80th to 84th**

