



City of Tacoma

**Resolution No.:**

**Meeting Date:** August 29, 2023

**Contract and Award Letter  
Purchase Resolution —Exhibit "A"**

**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
**FROM:** Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Environmental Services Director  
Darius Thompson, Project Manager, Public Works Engineering  
**COPY:** City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and  
Brandon Snow and Tina Eide, Senior Buyers, Finance/Purchasing  
**SUBJECT:** Prairie Line Trail Phase II – Rebid II  
Request for Bids Specification No. PW23-0060F – August 29, 2023, City Council  
**DATE:** July 19, 2023

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:**

The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to Olson Brothers Excavating, Inc., Puyallup, WA, in the amount of \$6,579,277, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from various departmental funds, for a projected contract amount of \$7,566,168.56, plus applicable taxes, for a shared-use path in Tacoma's Brewery District between South 21st and South 25th Streets along Hood Street.

**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.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

This project improves the pedestrian and bicycle transportation system by completing the shared-use path in Tacoma's Brewery District between South 21st and South 25th Streets along the former BNSF rail line commonly referred to as Hood Street.

**BACKGROUND:**

Phase I of the Prairie Line Trail (PLT) was completed in 2017, this project added one third of a mile of shared use path to the already completed University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) campus. This stretch of the trail connects the University of Washington portion to the Thea Foss waterway by building a 14-foot-wide path with lights, benches, signage, and plants. Phase II of the PLT will construct a shared-use path in Tacoma's Brewery District between South 21st and South 25th Streets along the former BNSF rail line commonly referred to as Hood Street. The project will connect to the existing section of the PLT on the UWT campus at its northern terminus and to the south it will connect to the existing Water Ditch Trail also referred to as Water Flume Line. This is the last remaining phase of the PLT.

**ISSUE:** This project will construct a shared-use path in Tacoma's Brewery District between South 21st and South 25th Streets along Hood Street. The project will add wayfinding, landscaping, and crossing treatments at South 21st and South 23rd Streets. At South 21st Street, the pedestrian crossing signal will be interconnected and coordinated with the operation of the Jefferson Avenue and South 21st Street signal.



ALTERNATIVES: The alternative is to take no action. Without this project, the vision of the Prairie Line Trail creating a pedestrian and bicycle connection to the waterfront, University of Washington Tacoma, and through the Brewery District would not occur.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:**

Request for Bids Specification No. PW23-0060F was opened May 23, 2023. No companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Three submittals were received. Olson Brothers Excavating, Inc. submitted a bid that resulted in the lowest responsive submittal after consideration of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goals. The apparent low bidder Reed Trucking & Excavating, Inc was deemed non-responsive due to failing to meet the DBE Goal requirements.

The table below reflects the amount of the total award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u> <i>(city and state)</i>	<u>Submittal</u> <u>Amount</u>
<b>Olson Brothers Excavating, Inc.</b>	<b>Puyallup, WA</b>	<b>\$6,579,277</b>
Reed Trucking, Inc *	Puyallup, WA	\$5,962,981
Active Construction Inc*	Tacoma, WA	\$7,400,987.73

\*Both firms were determined non-responsive for not meeting the DBE Goal requirements and for submitting the incorrect Bid Proposal.

Pre-bid Estimate: \$7,400,000

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

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The project will incorporate recycled components in the construction of the roadway; install low energy and low life cycle cost lighting; promote active transportation options; and employ a local, underutilized small business for a portion of the construction.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not Applicable

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

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE): The recommended contract is in compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, per memorandum dated June 7, 2023. The DBE goal for this project is 18 percent and the DBE participation is 19.47 percent. The designated training hours for this project are 800 hours.

**FISCAL IMPACT:****EXPENDITURES:**

<b>FUND NUMBER &amp; FUND NAME</b>	<b>COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)</b>	<b>COST ELEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
1060-CAPTL Transportation Capital Fund	PWK-G0014-05-01	5330100	\$6,415,413.58
4600 Tacoma Water Capital Reserve Fund	WTR-00641-05-01	5330100	\$725,599.11
ES Wastewater Utility Fund 4300	ENV-04024-11-04	5330100	\$381,677.53
ES Surface Water Utility Fund 4301	ENV-03033-03-04	5330100	\$43,478.34
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$7,566,168.56</b>

**REVENUES:**

<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>	<b>COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)</b>	<b>COST ELEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
4600 Tacoma Water Capital Reserve Fund	587501	6311179	\$725,599.11
ES Wastewater Utility Fund 4300	524700	6310010	\$381,677.53
ES Surface Water Utility Fund 4301	529700	6310010	\$43,478.34
WSDOT – FHWA STP Grant	PWK-G0014-FS-AD-04	4333240	\$5,622,500.00
Street Initiative Revenue	PWK-G0014-FS-AD-02	6311108	\$492,913.58
1065 ENGR General Fund	PWK-G0014-FS-AD-02	6311000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$7,566,168.56</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$7,566,168.56****ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes****IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A**