



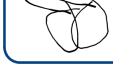
City of Tacoma

**Resolution No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting Date:** September 12, 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 FOR 

**FROM:** Veronicah Munyao, Engineering Project Manager, Public Works Engineering

**COPY:** City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and Brandon Snow, Senior Buyer, Finance/Purchasing

**SUBJECT:** S Yakima Avenue Sidewalk (S 67<sup>th</sup> to S 70<sup>th</sup> & Birney Elementary) SRTS Improvements (S 76<sup>th</sup>)  
Request for Bids Specification No. PW22-0395F - September 12, 2023, City Council

**DATE:** August 18, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:**

The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to Axum General Construction, Inc, Maple Valley, WA, in the amount of \$511,166.17, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$587,841.09, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the 1060 Transportation Capital Fund, 1085 Streets Initiative Fund, Transportation Improvement Board Grant, and REET 2, for pedestrian and safety improvements by providing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible route on South Yakima Avenue between South 67th Street and South 70th Street near IDEA High School and at Birney Elementary School at South Yakima Avenue and South 76th 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.

The infrastructure improvement on South Yakima Avenue will provide a clear, separated, ADA-accessible walking route. A continuous sidewalk with compliant curb ramps and a safe crossing will improve safety and promote active transportation for students and neighbors. The widened sidewalk also provides a flat all-weather surface for riders waiting at the bus stop. Other construction work installed as part of this project includes curb bulbs and rectangular rapid flashing beacons to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety. Establishing these pedestrian crossings will allow for future designation as school zones and better enforcement, and access to nearby commercial businesses, medical facilities, and government uses.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Tacoma created a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to promote safe walking and bicycling routes for K-12 students. The goal of the program is to empower students and parents to feel comfortable walking and bicycling to school, which in turn should encourage children to lead a more active and healthier lifestyle.



South Yakima Avenue is a two-lane principal arterial running north-south connecting downtown to city limits. The project is located in Tacoma’s communities of low-moderate opportunity, which is based on income, health, race, and social disparities. The neighborhood is primarily African American, Native American, and Native Hawaiian. Sidewalk exists on the west side of South Yakima Avenue; however, there is an approximate 108-foot gap in the existing sidewalk on the east side, which is immediately next to a Pierce Transit Stop (3,324 boardings per year) that serves IDEA High School. North of the missing sidewalks, a driveway approach has a severe cross-slope and the South Yakima Avenue-South 68th Street intersection does not have ramps on all corners making it difficult to access the bus stops on either side of South Yakima Avenue.

**ISSUE:** This project shall generally consist of sidewalk improvements with an aim to provide an ADA-accessible route on South Yakima Avenue between South 67th Street and South 70th Street, near IDEA High School. This includes approximately 108 linear feet of missing link sidewalk, ramp upgrades, and curb bulbs, as well as the construction of rapid rectangular flashing beacons. The work at the South Yakima Avenue and South 76th Street is aimed at providing safe routes to school for Birney Elementary School.

**ALTERNATIVES:** The alternative is to continue regulating school zones with the existing warning signs. This would not support the City’s effort to complete a comprehensive Safe Routes to School Plan.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:** Request for Bids Specification No. PW22-0395F was opened July 11, 2023. Four 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 total award.

<u>Respondent (RFB)</u>	<u>Location</u> <i>(city and state)</i>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
<b>Axum General Construction, Inc</b>	<b>Maple Valley, WA</b>	<b>\$511,166.17</b>
McCann Construction Enterprises, Inc.	Renton, WA	\$536,244.00
CCT Construction, Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$555,862.00
Sound Pacific Construction, LLC	Gig Harbor, WA	\$584,464.00
Northwest Cascade, Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$667,667.00

Pre-bid Estimate: \$514,000

The recommended award is 0.55 percent below the pre-bid estimate.

**CONTRACT HISTORY:** New Contract

**SUSTAINABILITY:** The project will improve access to IDEA High School and Birney Elementary School and improve the City’s infrastructure and the safety of residents by providing enhanced pedestrian crossings in school zones. ADA-compliant curb ramps will be installed, addressing social equity factors including ergonomic and human health impacts.



EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: The recommended contractor is in compliance with the EIC Regulation requirements per memorandum dated July 20, 2023. The EIC requirements for this project are 11 percent MBE, eight percent WBE, and 18 percent SBE. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, Axum General Construction, Inc, are 19.76 percent MBE, 100 percent WBE, and 100 percent SBE.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE: The LEAP requirement for this project is 15 percent of the project labor hours must be worked by Local Employees, per TMC 1.90.040.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060 Transportation Capital Fund	PWK-G0055-05-01	5330100	\$369,697.19
1060 Transportation Capital Fund	PWK-00802-04-01	5330100	\$218,143.90
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$587,841.09</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1085 Streets Initiative Fund	PWK-G0055-FS-02	6311108	\$139,898.19
Transportation Improvement Board Grant	PWK-G0055-FS-04	4334280	\$229,799.00
REET 2	PWK-00802-FS-23-01	6311102	\$218,143.90
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$587,841.09</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$587,841.09**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes.**

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