



City of Tacoma

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date: December 20, 2022

**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 Tina Eide, Senior Buyer, Finance/Purchasing
SUBJECT: Design Services of the Puyallup Ave Transit/Complete Street Improvements Project, Project Number PWK-G0020
 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Specification No. PW22-0018F, Contract No. CW2250338, – December 20, 2022 City Council
DATE: November 23, 2022

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RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

The Public Works (PW) Department recommends a contract be awarded to DKS Associates, Seattle, WA, in the amount of \$1,410,078.19, budgeted from the 1060-CAPTL (PW Street Capital Projects) Fund, for design assistance on the Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Street Improvements project.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

Creating a complete streets corridor will attract/allow higher density housing where people are able to walk/bike to access regional and local transit. By supporting modes of transportation that make it easier and safer for people to ride the bus, walk, bike, and roll, it is expected that a reduction of carbon emissions, stormwater pollution, and local air pollution will result. The project will update and provide key missing infrastructure to protect the long-term function and viability of the Port's maritime industrial activities and services. The Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Street Improvement project has convened key stakeholders including transit providers, business and property owners, key institutions, and the broader community to develop a plan that meets the goals for this corridor. Community outreach, documented as part of the planning phase, resulted in a vision and plan that safely and comfortably balances access for all travel modes.

BACKGROUND:

Outreach for this project started in 2016, to actively engage the community in designing street improvements to enhance the multimodal transportation experience for pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, transit riders, and freight operators along Puyallup Avenue. The main improvements in the Puyallup Avenue project extend from South C Street to Portland Avenue (1.2 miles) and include reconstruction of the roadway with complete street elements. Minor improvements for bike lanes are expected to extend further from the Portland Avenue intersection as part of this project, across the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge, to connect this project's amenities to Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) regional bike lane improvements along State Route 167. City staff have provided updates and gathered input from City Commissions and Advisory Groups – including the Transportation Commission, Bicycle



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Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (BPTAG), and the Transit-Oriented Design Advisory Group (TODAG).

ISSUE: Puyallup Avenue is a gateway to Tacoma and a significant transportation corridor in the City with direct access to the Tacoma Dome Station, one of the largest multimodal hubs in the State of Washington. Additionally, this corridor provides the only arterial roadway connection between the Tacoma Downtown Regional Growth Center and the Port of Tacoma Manufacturing/Industrial Center. The current street configuration, however, is underutilized and does not currently support the diverse populations in its vicinity, including a need for greater pedestrian accessibility and the increasing transit and transit-oriented development planned for the area. Developing this corridor in an equitable fashion to better serve vulnerable populations including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users, as well as for transit operators, vehicular traffic, truck traffic (a designated freight corridor), large events at the Tacoma Dome, and all other stakeholders, is in the best interest of the City and the region. Complete street elements to be incorporated to address these issues include bike lanes, sidewalks/curb ramps, bulbouts, crosswalks, signals, lighting, landscaping, bus stops, improved connections to regional transit services and active transportation facilities, upgraded utilities, a shared HOV/transit lane, minor improvements to side streets to reorient/increase functionality of parking spaces, and other street amenities.

ALTERNATIVES: The consultant support is needed to complete the design. Public Works does not have the staffing or expertise available to complete the design in-house. In the event the request for additional resource assistance is denied, the City risks not being able to complete design of the project and forfeiting \$2,162,500 obtained in Puget Sound Regional Council Federal grant funding; this would also prevent the City from pursuing additional grant funding for construction and make the City unable to accept the \$9,000,000 in state contributions planned for construction.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Request for Qualifications Specification No. PW22-0018F was opened March 8, 2022. Five companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Three submittals were received. Per the Architectural & Engineering (A&E) Consultant Evaluation and Selection Process, interviews were held to select the best qualified firm.

DKS Associates submitted a proposal that scored the highest in a competitive selection process. The table below reflects the scores used to determine the best qualified firm per the A&E Consultant Evaluation and Selection Process.

<u>Respondent (RFQ)</u>	<u>Location</u> <i>(city and state)</i>	<u>Score</u>
DKS Associates	Seattle, WA	699
Transpo Group	Kirkland, WA	677
SCJ Alliance	Lacey, WA	635

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.



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SUSTAINABILITY: Transportation is the largest contributor (44 percent) to emissions in Tacoma. Resolution No. 40776 supports investments that make it easier and safer for people to ride the bus, walk, bike, and roll as a method of reducing carbon emissions, and reducing stormwater pollution and local air pollution.

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 WSDOT contract concurrence email, dated November 15, 2022. The DBE goal for this project is 19 percent, and the DBE participation is 19 percent.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060-CAPTL (PW Street Capital Projects)	PWK-G0020-01-02	5310100	\$1,410,078.19
TOTAL			Up to \$1,410,078.19

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
FHWA Federal Grant	PWK-G0020-FS-04	5310100	\$1,219,717.63
1085 Streets Initiative Revenues	PWK-G0020-FS-02	6311108	\$190,360.56
TOTAL			Up to \$1,410,078.19

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,410,078.19

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

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