




**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, Carly Fowler, Senior Buyer, Finance/Procurement, and Tricia Jarbeaux, Tacoma Water  
**SUBJECT:** Sheridan Arterial Improvements Phase I – S. 72nd St. to S. 6th St.  
Request for Bids Specification No. PW24-0291F, Contract No. CW2273004 -  
April 15, 2025, City Council  
**DATE:** March 17, 2025

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:** The Public Works (PW) Department recommends a contract be awarded to R. L. Alia Company, Renton, WA, in the amount of \$6,163,769.00, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$6,780,145.90, plus applicable taxes. This project is budgeted from the 1060 Transportation Capital Fund for reconstruction of Sheridan Avenue from South 72nd Street to South 64th 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.

The project will improve the City's trail infrastructure by completing Sheridan Avenue between South 64th and South 72nd Streets. The shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians will encourage active transportation options. Further, the project will replace/upgrade curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and install new storm sewer and replace water main utility lines where necessary within the project.

**BACKGROUND:** Sheridan Avenue is a north-south, two-lane arterial in the heart of South Tacoma, providing critical access to businesses, parks, emergency services, and residential neighborhoods. It also serves as a key connector to major east-west arterials, including South 56th, South 64th, and South 72nd Streets. Currently, the roadway has significant alligator cracking in the wheel paths and along the shoulder edges. The existing sidewalks are substandard, noncontiguous, and non-compliant with ADA standards. Additionally, bicycle access is undefined and unsafe due to the deteriorating road surface. This project will reconstruct Sheridan Avenue between South 64th and South 72nd Streets, removing and replacing the failed sub-base. The updated design will bring the arterial up to modern urban arterial standards, incorporating safety and accessibility improvements.

**ISSUE:** This contract shall generally consist of reconstruction of Sheridan Avenue between South 72nd Street and South 64th Street, with the addition of a shared-use path, new sidewalks, water main replacement, new stormwater collection system with new curb and gutter, landscaping, and signal improvements.

**ALTERNATIVES:** The alternative is to not improve the roadway and conduct normal maintenance as required, which does not meet the City's goal of improving non-motorized connections and enhancing safety for all users.



**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:** Request for Bids Specification No. PW24-0291F was opened February 25, 2025. One hundred twenty-seven companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Eleven submittals were received. R. L. Alia Company submitted a bid that resulted in the lowest evaluated submittal after consideration of Equity in Contracting (EIC) participation requirements. The table below reflects the amount of the base award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
<b>R. L. Alia Company</b>	<b>Renton, WA</b>	<b>\$6,163,769.00</b>
Sound Pacific Construction LLC	Gig Harbor, WA	\$7,768,844.00
Olson Brothers Excavating, Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$8,167,556.50
Northwest Cascade, Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$6,224,907.00
SCI Infrastructure, L.L.C.*	SeaTac, WA	\$6,164,953.00
Rodarte Construction, Inc.	Auburn, WA	\$6,409,615.00
Tucci & Sons, LLC	Tacoma, WA	\$7,318,095.00
Active Construction, Inc.	Tacoma, WA	\$7,752,750.80
Miles Resources LLC	Puyallup, WA	\$6,262,648.27
Reed Trucking & Excavating, Inc.*	Tacoma, WA	\$7,014,791.00
Pacific Civil Infrastructure Inc.	Tacoma, WA	\$6,401,058.50

\*SCI Infrastructure, L.L.C was deemed non-responsive due to failure to complete the State Responsibility Form. Reed Trucking & Excavating, Inc was deemed non-responsive for failure to submit a complete bid package before the deadline.

Pre-bid Estimate: \$6,824,110.00

The recommended award is 10 percent below the pre-bid estimate.

**CONTRACT HISTORY:** New Contract

**SUSTAINABILITY:** The project will provide a new driving surface for motorized users and a shared-use path for non-motorized users. The project improves access to Wapato Park and local schools. The project also improves the City’s infrastructure and the safety of students, residents, and park patrons by providing enhanced pedestrian and traffic signals. 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 follows EIC requirements per the memorandum dated March 6, 2025. The EIC requirements for this project are MBE 20 percent, WBE 15 percent, and SBE 20 percent. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, R. L. Alia Company, are MBE 20.49 percent, WBE 15.05 percent, and SBE 20.49 percent.

**LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE:** The LEAP requirements for this project are 15 percent of the project labor hours must be worked by Local Employees and an additional 15 percent of the labor hours must be worked by Apprentices, 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-G0043-05-01	5330100	\$6,780,145.90
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$6,780,145.90</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Fund 1085 Streets Initiative	PWK-G0043-FS-02	6311108	(\$2,369,426.80)
TIB Grant	PWK-G0043-FS-04	4334280	(\$3,560,000.00)
Tacoma Water Fund	WTR-00604-01-14	6311185	(\$850,719.10)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$6,780,145.90</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$6,780,145.90**

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

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