



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

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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SUBJECT: 6th Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements Project
Request for Bids Specification No. PW24-0025F, Contract No. CW2274025 –
June 10, 2025, City Council
DATE: May 8, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY: The Public Works (PW) Department recommends a contract be awarded to Axum General Construction, Inc., Kent, WA, in the amount of \$5,424,047.59, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a projected total of \$5,966,452.35, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from 1060 Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund, for installation of traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at several intersections along 6th Avenue from Jackson Avenue to Grant Avenue.

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.

Replacing the traffic signals with larger, more visible signals and adding pedestrian crossing improvements supports safer pedestrian and traffic interactions. Adding synchronization to the 6th Avenue corridor helps decrease carbon emissions by idling vehicles.

BACKGROUND: 6th Avenue is a minor arterial that provides the primary east-west access in the north quadrant of the City of Tacoma. There are several controlled and uncontrolled intersections with safety deficiencies along 6th Avenue. To address the safety concerns along the entire corridor, the City of Tacoma will apply multiple safety-oriented improvements within the active multi-modal environment.

ISSUE: This Contract shall generally install traffic and pedestrian signal system, upgrade existing traffic signal heads and signal phasing, install accessible pedestrian countdown signals and pushbuttons, and adjust traffic signal timing, communication, and coordination as needed. This project will also install new curb bulbs and pedestrian median islands and upgrades to pedestrian-actuated rectangular rapid flashing beacons. The project also includes associated ADA and drainage/utility work as needed.

ALTERNATIVES: The alternative is to not improve the intersections and conduct normal maintenance as required, which does not meet the City's goal of improving pedestrian and multimodal transportation safety.



COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Requests for Bids Specification No. PW24-0025F was opened April 15, 2025. One hundred twenty-seven companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Six submittals were received.

Axum General Construction, Inc. submitted a bid that resulted in the lowest evaluated submittal after consideration of Equity in Contracting (EIC) participation goals. The table below reflects the amount of the base award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
Axum General Construction, Inc.	Kent, WA	\$5,424,047.59
Northwest Cascade, Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$6,256,076.00
Miles Resources LLC	Puyallup, WA	\$5,634,415.00
Sound Pacific Construction LLC	Gig Harbor, WA	\$5,553,456.00
Active Construction, Inc.	Tacoma, WA	\$5,934,934.00
C.A. Carey Corporation	Issaquah, WA	\$7,596,518.00

Pre-bid Estimate: \$5,300,000

The recommended award is two percent above the pre-bid estimate.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The project improves the intersection of 6th Avenue and Sprague Avenue by shortening the pedestrian crossings and improving timing between walk/drive intervals. The project also improves the City’s infrastructure and the safety of students, residents, and business district 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: Not applicable - includes federal funding - reference EIC Regulations Section 5

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 August 26, 2024. The DBE goal for this project is 13 percent, and the DBE participation is 13.6 percent. The designated training hours for this project are 400 hours.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060 Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund	PWK-G0036-05-01	5330100	\$5,966,452.35
TOTAL			Up to \$5,966,452.35

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
FHWA HSIP Grant	PWK-G0036-FS-04	4333240	(\$2,229,400.00)
1085 Streets Initiative	PWK-G0036-FS-02	6311108	(\$3,110,000.00)
REET2	PWK-G0036-FS-02	6311102	(\$627,052.35)
TOTAL			Up to (\$5,966,452.35)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$5,966,452.35

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

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