



**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
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SUBJECT: 6th Ave & S 19th St RR Crossing Improvements (Rebid 2)
Request for Bids Specification No. PW25-0104F, Contract No. CW2275720 –
August 19, 2025, City Council
DATE: July 17, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY: The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to Northwest Cascade Inc., Puyallup, WA, in the amount of \$998,442.00, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a projected contract total of \$1,148,208.30, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Federal HSIP Rail Grant, 1085 Streets Initiative Funds, and REET 1 for the improvement of the 6th Avenue/Titlow Beach and South 19th Street/Seashore Drive rail crossings, including upgrades to sidewalks, curb ramps, pedestrian crossings, roadway paving, traffic features, rail signals/gates, signage, striping, coordination traffic control, landscaping, and installation of signage.

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.

This project supports the City's Strategic Policy Priorities by enhancing safety and accessibility at key railroad crossings through upgraded signals, ADA-compliant ramps, and improved pedestrian infrastructure, creating a safer environment for all users. These improvements promote active transportation and equitable access to essential services, helping ensure all residents, including those with mobility challenges, can move safely and efficiently through the area. Additionally, the project reflects strong stewardship of the built environment by upgrading aging infrastructure in a sustainable, resilient manner that supports long-term community health and environmental goals.

BACKGROUND: This project focuses on enhancing pedestrian and rail infrastructure at the 6th Avenue (Titlow Beach) and South 19th Street (Narrows Marina) rail crossings. This project will provide the required Supplemental Safety Measures for the City to be able to apply to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to obtain a Quiet Zone.

ISSUE: This is a safety project to provide Supplemental Safety Measures including four quadrant gates on either side of the tracks over the roadway and pedestrian gates at four locations, two on either side of the tracks at the crossings. The City also has an agreement with BNSF for them to complete work within the rail right-of-way, including upgrading railroad signals, relocating vehicle railroad gates, and the installation of new pedestrian railroad gates. The City contractor will be working on the City's right-of-way to tie in with the BNSF improvements.



ALTERNATIVES: The alternative to performing the railroad restoration and improvements is to complete only minor repairs, which would not meet the Supplemental Safety Measures needed as a prerequisite to apply for a Quiet Zone.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Request for Bids Specification No. PW25-0104F was opened June 3, 2025. One hundred and thirty-six companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Two submittals were received.

RW Lockwood Construction Inc was determined non-responsive after WSDOT’s bid evaluation process for concurrence to award, due to errors on one of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) forms.

Northwest Cascade, Inc. submitted a bid that resulted in the lowest evaluated submittal after consideration of DBE participation goals. The table below reflects the amount of the total award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
RW Lockwood Construction Inc*	Tacoma, WA	\$630,055.00
Northwest Cascade, Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$998,442.00

*RW Lockwood Construction Inc deemed non-responsive due to incorrect DBE documentation.

Pre-bid Estimate: \$635,600.00

The recommended award is 57 percent above the pre-bid estimate.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The project promotes active transportation through improved pedestrian crossings, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and signal upgrades that enhance safety and accessibility. Sustainable construction practices will be used. The design supports long-term durability, minimizes impervious surfaces, and aligns with future green infrastructure and climate-resilient planning efforts, reflecting the City’s commitment to environmental stewardship and equitable infrastructure investment.

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 June 27, 2025. The DBE goal for this project is 16 percent, and the DBE participation is 17.19 percent. The designated training hours for this project are zero hours.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060 Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund	PWK-01017	5330100	\$1,148,208.30
TOTAL			Up to \$1,148,208.30

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Fed HSIP Rail Grant	PWK-01017-FS-AD-04	4333240	\$376,136.00
1085 Streets Initiative Funds	PWK-01017-FS-AD-05	6311108	\$293,147.80
REET 1	PWK-01017-FS-AD-05	6311101	\$478,924.50
TOTAL			Up to (\$1,148,208.30)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,148,208.30

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes.

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