




City of Tacoma

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date: December 5, 2023

**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: St. Helens Avenue Improvement Project
Request for Bids Specification No. PW23-0101F, Contract No. CW2261467 –
December 5, 2023
DATE: November 27, 2023

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

The Public Works (PW) Department recommends a contract be awarded to Tucci & Sons, Inc., Tacoma, WA, in the amount of \$1,399,544.80, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,609,476.52, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the 1060 PW Street Capital Projects fund, a Department of Commerce Public Works Board loan, and by a private development fee-in-lieu contribution for construction of the St. Helens Avenue Improvement project.

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.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

City residents are benefited by this project which provides safer active transportation options and repairs deteriorated roads. By providing these improved active transportation options, through the installation of bulb-outs, pedestrian ramps, and key missing bicycle infrastructure, a reduction of carbon emissions, stormwater pollution, and local air pollution will result. By leveraging funds contributed from adjacent private development as well as the Public Works Board, the project promotes an efficient and effective government.

BACKGROUND:

The current deteriorated condition of the road, which includes cracks and potholes, creates a safety hazard for drivers that are likely to panic, brake, or swerve unexpectedly, resulting in accidents when drivers encounter these conditions as a surprise. Additionally, the curb ramps and lack of pedestrian bulb-outs do not meet current City standards and their current conditions are a safety risk to pedestrians.

To address the poor road conditions, Streets Initiative funding was allocated to cover engineering and construction of a simple grind and overlay on the existing roadway. In June 2023, Public Works applied for a Public Works Board (PWB) loan from the Department of Commerce, which was awarded in September 2023. The PWB fund contribution is \$1,500,000.00 (\$225,000.00 of which is allocated as grant funding). This additional funding allows for the project to also include bulb-outs and bike facilities to meet current City standards and support City policies such as Vision Zero and the Climate Action Plan, resulting in a safer condition for all users of the road.



ISSUE: The project includes construction on St. Helens Avenue, from 6th Avenue to Division Avenue, including the intersection of 6th Avenue. Improvements will consist of an asphalt grind and overlay from curb face to curb face along with bulb-outs at the intersections and installation of active transportation features (bike facilities and crosswalks).

ALTERNATIVES: In the event that the request to award for construction is denied, the City has the option of redeveloping the design to remove pedestrian and bike accommodations, forfeiting the additional PWB loan money, and rebidding the project. This would result in delays to much needed road improvements and continuance of a substandard pedestrian and bike facilities in the area.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Request for Bids Specification No. PW23-0101F was opened October 17, 2023. Three companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Four submittals were received. Tucci & Sons, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid.

Tucci & Sons, 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> <i>(city and state)</i>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
Tucci & Sons, Inc.	Tacoma, WA	\$1,399,544.80
Miles Resources, LLC	Puyallup, WA	\$1,449,783.81
Axum General Construction, Inc.	Kent, WA	\$1,493,464.87
*Highway Specialties	Vancouver, WA	Material bid only

*Bid unresponsive as it did not meet submittal requirements, did not address EIC goals, and did not address addendum.

Pre-bid Estimate: \$1,282,563.00 (without contingency)
The recommended award is nine percent above the pre-bid estimate.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

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: The recommended contractor is in compliance with the EIC requirements per memorandum dated September 8, 2023. The EIC requirements for this project are 11 percent MBE, eight percent WBE, and 19 percent SBE. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, Tucci and Sons Inc., are 19.65 percent MBE, 19.65 percent WBE, and 19.65 percent SBE.



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-CAPTL (PW Street Capital Projects)	PWK-01035-03-01	5310100	\$1,609,476.52
TOTAL			Up to \$1,609,476.52

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
PW Board Loan, WA State Dept. of Commerce	PWK-01035-FS-03	4332360	(\$1,500,000)
Private Developer (415 St Helens Apartment)	PWK-01035-FS-01	6311104	(\$100,000)
1085 Streets Initiative Fund	PWK-01035-FS-02	6311108	(\$9,476.52)
TOTAL			Up to (\$1,609,476.52)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,609,476.52

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? The Public Works Department received notice on November 1st of the successful \$1,500,000 award from the Washington State Public Works Board. This award is planned to be budgeted during the next available budget process.

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