



**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/Purchasing, and Troy Saghafi, Tacoma Water
SUBJECT: Historic Water Ditch Trail Phase IIIB (Pine Street to Sprague Avenue)
Request for Bids Specification No. PW24-0164F, Contract No. CW2273002 -
April 15, 2025 City Council
DATE: March 18, 2025

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY: The Public Works (PW) Department recommends a contract be awarded to R.L. Alia Company, Renton, WA, in the amount of \$6,748,119.00, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$7,422,930.90, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Paths and Trails 1140 Fund for the construction of a shared-use path along South Tacoma Way between Pine Street and Sprague 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.

The project will improve the City's trail infrastructure by completing another piece of the missing link in the Water Ditch Trail. 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, upgrade waterlines, replace/upgrade existing storm sewer utility lines, and install new storm sewer utility lines where necessary within the project.

BACKGROUND: Open houses were conducted in 2015 and 2017, along with an online survey, to gather input on the design of the final phase of the Water Ditch Trail. Through these sessions, a final option was successfully determined, which involved removing one lane of travel from South Tacoma Way to accommodate a shared-use path on the northern side of the road, while maintaining two westbound lanes, a center turn lane, and one eastbound lane for vehicles. This project is the second and final phase needed to complete the Water Ditch Trail, which extends from downtown Tacoma along South Tacoma Way to near South 74th Street. It will close the western half of the remaining gap in the trail network between M Street and Pine Street.

ISSUE: This contract provides for the improvement of a new concrete shared-use path along the north side of South Tacoma Way, from Sprague Avenue to the Pine Street intersection. The work includes curb ramps, cross walk improvements, new concrete curb and gutter, a regrade and pavement replacement of South Tacoma Way, new illumination, signals and pedestrian push buttons, sidewalk, and other work.

ALTERNATIVES: The alternative to building this section of the trail is to leave the street in its configuration and continue to have bicyclists and pedestrians navigate this unimproved section of South Tacoma Way.



COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Request for Bids Specification No. PW24-0164F was opened February 25, 2025. Fifteen companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Six submittals were received.

R.L. Alia Company 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> (RFB)	<u>Location</u> (city and state)	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
R.L. Alia Company	Renton, WA	\$6,748,119.00
Northwest Cascade, Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$6,843,518.50
Ceccanti, Inc.	Tacoma, WA	\$7,057,614.00
Tucci & Sons, LLC	Tacoma, WA	\$7,078,645.70
Active Construction, Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$7,151,803.88
Miles Resources LLC	Puyallup, WA	\$7,465,229.30

Pre-bid Estimate: \$7,275,733.00

The recommended award is 7.2 percent below the pre-bid estimate.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The project will improve the City’s infrastructure and safety of residents by providing a new driving surface for motorized and non-motorized travel. ADA-compliant curb ramps will also be installed as part of the contract, addressing social equity factors, including mobility, as well as ergonomic and human health impacts. Utility installation, upgrades, and maintenance will ensure utilities are operating at current and future demands.

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 March 5, 2025. The DBE goal for this project is 17 percent, and the DBE participation is 17 percent. The designated training hours for this project are 800 hours.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1140 - Paths & Trails	PWK-00561-14-01	5330100	\$7,422,930.90
TOTAL			Up to \$7,422,930.90

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1085 - Streets Initiative	PWK-00561-FS-AD-02	6311108	(\$485,000.90)
STP Grant	PWK-00561-FS-AD-04	4333240	(\$3,316,860)
CRP(UL) Grant	PWK-00561-FS-AD-04	4333240	(\$934,080)
4600 - Tacoma Water	WTR-00641-10-03	6311185	(\$1,033,344)
Metro Parks	PWK-00561-FS-AD-05	4337106	(\$132,000)
3210 - REET 1	PWK-00561-FS-AD-02	6311101	(\$1,521,646)
TOTAL			Up to (\$7,422,930.90)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$7,422,930.90

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

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