



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

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
FROM: Kurtis Kingsolver P.E., Interim Director, Public Works *KDK*
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COPY: City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and
Stan Rowden, Senior Buyer, Finance/Procurement
SUBJECT: South 38th Street & South Cedar Street: Pedestrian Safety Improvements,
Request for Bids (RFB) Specification No. PW26-0011F, Contract No.
CW2282498 – June 23, 2026 City Council
DATE: May 12, 2026

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

The Public Works Department (PW) recommends awarding a contract to Axum General Construction Inc, Maple Valley, WA, in the amount of \$689,321.24, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a projected contract amount of \$758,253.36, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund 1060 for construction of intersection improvements and sidewalk at the intersection of South 38th Street and South Cedar 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.
- 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.

This project was the highest scoring application in the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Equity Pilot grant program, as it addresses safety, health, environmental, and mobility disparities in our transportation system, and implements specific goals of the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan. The PSRC equity program was developed to test incorporating equity into PSRC’s project selection processes. Safety improvements will include curb bulbs, accessible curb ramps, high visibility crosswalk markings, signal upgrades, and a ten-foot-wide sidewalk on the north side of South 38th Street to close a gap in the sidewalk network.

BACKGROUND: The need for improvements to this intersection dates back to 2019. Since the time of the initial complaints there have been some minor improvements made by City departments as well as private development to modify traffic signal timing, replace a curb ramp on the Northeast corner of the intersection, and replacement of unsafe sidewalk adjacent to the private development on the Southwest corner of the intersection. In 2024, the City was awarded a grant through PSRC’s Equity Pilot grant program, to cover 86.5 percent of construction costs associated with improvements proposed as part of this project, to complete safety improvements necessary to fully bring the intersection into alignment with the City’s Vision Zero policies passed by City Council in 2020 under Resolution No. 40559.

ISSUE: This project will improve pedestrian safety and accessibility at the intersection through the construction of curb bulbs, ADA-accessible curb ramps, high-visibility crosswalk markings, signal upgrades, and a ten-foot-wide sidewalk along the north side of South 38th Street to close an existing gap in the sidewalk network. While some concerns previously identified by the



surrounding community have been partially addressed, these improvements are intended to bring the intersection to a safer and more optimal operating condition for all users.

ALTERNATIVES: In the event the request for additional resource assistance is denied, the City risks not meeting the needs of neighboring businesses and the community, as well as forfeiting funds obtained from the PSRC program (up to \$945,819.00) for construction of the project.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:

Request for Bids Specification No. PW26-0011F was opened May 5, 2026. One hundred thirty-four companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Seven submittals were received.

Axum General Construction Inc submitted a bid that resulted in the lowest evaluated submittal. The table below reflects the amount of the base award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
Axum General Construction Inc	Maple Valley, WA	\$689,321.24
RL Alia Company	Renton, WA	\$727,197.00
Active Construction Inc	Tacoma, WA	\$814,814.00
Miles Resources LLC	Puyallup, WA	\$887,671.12
Sound Pacific Construction LLC	Gig Harbor, WA	\$910,737.00
Northwest Cascade Inc	Puyallup, WA	\$1,039,912.00
Liberty Electric Inc	Tukwila, WA	\$1,095,568.00

Pre-bid Estimate: \$856,600.00

The recommended award is 20 percent below 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: Not applicable - includes federal funding - reference EIC Regulations Section 5

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable.

FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (FSBE) COMPLIANCE: There is an FSBE goal of 12 percent. Per Local Programs memo LPB-2026-01-R0 dated January 6, 2026, the FSBE program is not a condition of award and cannot be used to evaluate bidders at award. The FSBE goal is a contract requirement.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060 - Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund	PWK-01039-05-01	5330101	\$758,253.36
TOTAL			Up to \$758,253.36

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Puget Sound Regional Council Equity Pilot Grant Program	PWK-01039-FS-04	4333240	(\$655,889.00)
REET 2	PWK-01039-FS-02	6311102	(\$102,364.36)
TOTAL			Up to (\$758,253.36)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$758,253.36

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

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