



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 23, 2021

TO: John Smith, Board of Finance Chair
Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu

CC: Diane Waldron, Comptroller
Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Director

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Bid Waiver Request – Roadway Reclamation Construction Items

The Department of Public Work's project list for 2021 includes the roadway reconstruction of the following roads:

Bayberry Drive
Surrey Drive
Woodmere Road
West Gate
Westwood Road (portion)
Skyview Terrace
Maple Court

The Department typically utilizes state bids to perform the various components of the road work such as reclamation, regrading the reclaim surface, installing the bituminous binder course, curbing, driveway apron and final bituminous surface of pavement. Utilizing the state bid allows DPW to function as general contractor to reconstruct the various components of roadway. With that said, Tilcon Connecticut Inc. is typically the low bidder on the referenced state contract items, the City also obtains the benefit of having one contractor performing the work on various roadway components. This practice, used last year to reconstruct Lawndale Avenue, Atkins Avenue and Margerie Street reduces delays between reclamation and reconstruction as well as the risks associated with exposed/unsurfaced roads to City residents.

The State bid issued this year for roadway work included items for paving and curbing, however the state contract does not include items for roadway reclamation. Tilcon Connecticut Inc. has offered to hold their prices from the previous contract used last year for the City to complete the reclamation

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portion of roadway reconstruction work. The reclaim work typically represents approximately 20 percent of the roadway reconstruction project cost. With the scheduled \$1,300,000 of proposed roadway reconstruction the anticipated reclaim work is estimated to be approximately \$260,000.

The Department of Public Works request Board of Finance approval to waive the bidding process in order to hire Tilcon Connecticut LLC to perform the Department's roadway reclamation work. All other roadway items such as installation of bituminous binder, curbing, driveway aprons and final pavement course will be completed utilizing state bids/contracts.

An alternate to waiving the bid process for reclaiming would be to issue a single bid to procure a contractor to reclaim, pave, curb and install driveway aprons. The Department of Public Works does not recommend this approach due to concerns with the time and cost associated with preparing a detailed roadway reconstruction bid (street specific) and increased cost associated with hiring a general contractor to perform and coordinate all components of the roadway reconstruction work, therefore the Department of Public Works requests the following Board of Finance action:

Motion: Approve bid waiver to procure the services of Tilcon Connecticut Inc., A CRH Company for reclamation work on City Streets for calendar year 2021.

Please note that the referenced waiver is for pavement reclamation items only. The Department of Public Works is currently evaluating milling cost and in accordance with State bid 20PSX0167 Tilcon may not be the low bidder for pavement milling. If the State does issue a bid that includes reclaim items prior to work being performed, the contract will be utilized by the Department.

Thanks you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions / concerns at 860-584-6113.