



## Staff Report

**Subject:** Sidewalk, Curb and Concrete Slab Replacement Bid Award

**Department/Program:** Public Works/Pavement/Streets

**Explanation:** The 2026 budget provides \$2,028,193.00 for the replacement of concrete street slabs, sidewalks and curbs and gutter. Wildwood Parkway sidewalks are a part of this bid.

Requests for bid notices were sent to several contractors and advertised in the St. Louis Business Journal, ePlan, and on the City’s website. Bid specifications are on file at the Public Works Department.

The table below summarizes the bids received on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Vendor	Total Bid
M&H Concrete Pavement	(Meramec) \$2,685,554.04
M&H Concrete Pavement	(State D Stone) \$2,747,984.46
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,028,193.00</b>

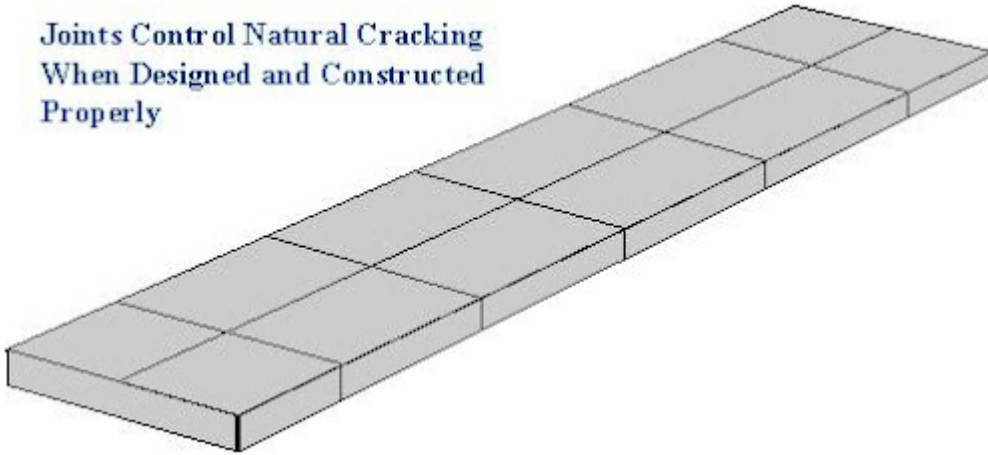
This year we bid both Meramec and State D stone (limestone) for mix designs. The Meramec mix design is 6 inches thick and the State D stone design is 7 inches thick. There are 2 cities that utilize 8 inches thick which are Des Peres and Bridgton.

6” Meramec Mix Design	7” State D stone Mix Design
Sunset Hills	Ladue
Des Peres (8”)	Chesterfield
Clayton	Webster Groves
Kirkwood	St. Charles
Olivette	Bridgeton (8”)
	St. Louis County (6”)

Staff met with a CCSL/IRMCA Concrete Consultant to discuss mix designs in mid march since Ballwin has utilized the Meramec mix design for more than 40 years. In addition, staff spoke with other area cities to determine why they use the various mixes and depths that they use.

St. Louis County is the only area agency that uses the 6” State D stone mix. Staff spoke with other cities that use the same mix, but thicker - 7” vs 6”. The reason for the pavement thickness difference has to do with the natural cracking when designed or constructed. Typical spacing is double the thickness of the concrete in which the maximum spacing is typically 15 feet or less. Mix designs like Meramec sand and gravel can go beyond the typical thickness up to 15 feet spacing due to it being a harder aggregate.

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When Designed and Constructed  
Properly**



By using the 7" State D stone mix, similar to other area cities, it would cost more than using our traditional Meramec stone mix. Therefore, we are recommending staying with the mix we currently use.

Staff reached out to other concrete vendors to determine why they didn't bid. Some mentioned having a full schedule already, whereas others cited rising fuel costs and manpower shortages.

M&H Concrete Pavement has zero OSHA violations and no prevailing wage violations within the past five years. They have successfully completed similar work for other cities in the area and have done this work for Ballwin in the past. We last used them in 2021 and 2023.

**Recommendation:** We recommend awarding this unit price contract to the only bidder, M&H Concrete Pavement, not to exceed \$2,028,193.00. As we have done in the past we will adjust the number of slabs replaced to utilize the budgeted amount.

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**Date:** April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026