

MEMO 24-32

TO: Frank Schulte, City Administrator
FROM: James Kowalski, Director of Public Services *J.K.*
DATE: September 30, 2024
SUBJECT: Recommendation – 2024 Sidewalk Cutting Program


During the Finance Committee meeting, a discussion was held regarding the proposed 2024/2025 construction projects. Included in discussion was the 2024 Sidewalk Cutting Program.

Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) has offered to extend their contract unit prices from the 2023 Sidewalk Cutting Program for the 2024 Sidewalk Cutting Program. Their previous work for the City has been satisfactory.

Therefore, I am requesting Council to authorize the 2024 Sidewalk Cutting Program be awarded to Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC), 1896 Goldeneye Drive, Holland, MI 49424 in the amount of \$30,000.00.

This is a budgeted item included in 2024/2025 fiscal year budget in the major streets sidewalk construction account no. 202-451-976.100 in the amount of \$6,000.00, the local streets sidewalk construction account no. 203-451-976.100 in the amount of \$15,000.00, and the water/sewer sidewalk construction account no. 592-537-976.100 in the amount of \$9,000.00.

I do not believe any benefit will accrue to the City by seeking further bids. Approved for Council Consideration:



Frank Schulte, City Administrator

10-1-24

Date

Fund Certification:

Account numbers and amounts have been verified as presented.



Steven Schmidt, Treasurer/Comptroller

10-1-24

Date

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September 27, 2024

City of Grosse Pointe Woods
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Subject: **SIDEWALK TRIP HAZARD REMOVAL, Project for City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 2024**

Jim,

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. Total cost for this project will **not exceed \$30,000** based on an agreed scope and job rate. Upon your review and acceptance of this proposal, **please sign and return** (or submit a valid purchase order referencing this proposal) via FAX to (616) 582-5951 or email us at info@PCCMich.com.

We will provide a W-9 for your files and have our proof of insurance (an ACORD) emailed directly to your attention by our insurance provider. Let us know if any additional information or documents are required before we begin work. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our service.

Precision Concrete Cutting

Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) has been removing trip hazards from uneven sidewalks and other concrete walkways across the nation for over 25 years. As the industry leader in technology and price, PCC can reduce liability associated with uneven sidewalk and help meet ADA compliance with a method more effective and less expensive than alternatives. PCC utilizes its patented tools and processes that it has developed and refined for trip hazard removal. Not only is trip hazard removal the specialty of PCC... it's the only thing we do. PCC has dozens of locations across the country. Precision Concrete, Inc. is the locally licensed business unit serving Michigan, Indiana, Central Illinois, and Missouri that leverages the proven tools, process, and training to provide this service.

The Advantage

The Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) service removes the entire trip hazard from side to side on the entire sidewalk while other methods of repair often leave a portion of the trip hazard. Not only can PCC reach the edges of every sidewalk, we can remove trip hazards from virtually any angle and at any location. Trip hazards caused by cracked concrete or located in hard-to-reach places such as in gutters or adjacent to a wall, post, or railing will be eliminated without any damage to nearby impediments. **There is no other process of trip hazard removal available with the quality, flexibility, and diversity as that of PCC.**



Quality

The Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) process involves the measurement of every sidewalk trip hazard identified. PCC inspects the sidewalks and takes specific measurements to identify and log each trip hazard size and location. These measurements are used to determine the size of repair that is required, and to guarantee that the repair is made to dimensional specifications.

The PCC finished repair is aesthetically pleasing, smooth, and of superior quality compared to alternatives. It does not leave grooves in the surface of the concrete, it is not uneven, and is left with an acceptable coefficient of friction to not create slip hazards.



Environmental & Community Friendly

The Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) process does not require heavy equipment in the work area. The PCC equipment is small and maneuvered about by individual employees. No damage is created to buildings, landscaping, irrigation systems, or the surrounding environment. Complete cleanup of the work area is performed and dust abatement systems minimize dust. All materials removed are properly recycled.

PCC utilizes a patented dust collection system to keep dust to a minimum while performing its work. This is a great benefit over other repair processes that leave the area covered in concrete dust or slurry. PCC also cleans up the removed concrete and debris created while performing the repairs and disposes (for recycle) of it as part of the service. Being a complete solution, no follow-on tasks are required of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods staff. Sidewalks remain open with only minor disruption while PCC moves thru an area performing the trip hazard removals.

As a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) we are proud of the fact that we reduce the impact to landfills and the environment as a result of our service. For example, removing and replacing just 50 sidewalk panels would result in approximately 60,000 lbs of concrete being removed (your average 5' x 5' panel weighs about 1,200 lbs). Using Precision Concrete Cutting, sidewalk trip hazard removal can be accomplished by removing about 400 lbs of concrete that will be recycled. No heavy equipment or hauling is required. Also, there is no damage to trees or adjoining landscape with Precision Concrete Cutting.



Real Savings

Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) leverages new technology and unique equipment to perform sidewalk repairs at a 70-80% cost savings compared to sidewalk replacement. It is estimated that this project will **save City of Grosse Pointe Woods over \$174,000 on repairs.**

Professional Plan and Approach

Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) will conduct a pre-construction planning meeting with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods designated contact(s) using a PCC Project Manager to establish priorities, a high-level schedule for each job site, review risks/constraints, and safety plans. The Project Manager will assure schedule, scope, and budget objectives are attained for the project. The PCC Delivery Manager will assure quality and safety objectives are attained during the onsite work phase of the project.

PCC will deploy a well-marked light-duty pickup truck/van and full logo trailer used to mobilize up to three (3) full sets of cutting equipment and operators. Safety cones are placed wherever the truck/van and trailer park and they are placed on the sidewalks in front of and behind the operator area to assure pedestrian safety during cutting. All PCC staff (including project manager) wears high-visibility safety vests whenever they are outside their vehicle.



Scope and Cost

Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) is proposing a SAW CUT solution (NOT GRINDING) for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods to remove sidewalk trip hazards on contiguous walkways located along Vernier Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods. PCC would typically bill for this project at the rate of \$58 per Inch Foot (defined as the average inch height of the trip hazard x linear feet of the hazard). However, PCC will offer a municipal project rate of \$44/IF. For this project, PCC will perform 682 IF of trip hazard removal (up to the established project budget). It is estimated this project will resolve over 544 sidewalk trip hazards. Billing will be based on actual work performed, up to the approved project budget of \$30,000.

The scope of the sidewalk trip hazards is defined as a differential in the walkway of .5" high but less than or equal to 1.5" high. Trip hazards will be eliminated leaving a maximum running slope (ramp) of 1:12 as permitted to meet ADA requirements. The work will be performed on City sidewalks in the project areas as prioritized by the City.

Job No. (Area)	Location	Estimated # of Trip Hazards Cut	Estimated Linear Feet	Estimated Inch Feet	Cost
1	Northside of Vernier Rd (Starting at Morningside Dr going West)	544	2284.8	681.82	\$39,545.45
Totals		544	2284.8	681.82	\$39,545.45

Additional Services:	\$0.00
Travel and Expenses:	\$0.00
Discount* :	-\$9,545.45
Net Proposed Total:	\$30,000.00

*Municipal discount will apply if project is accepted prior to October 11, 2024, and with an authorization to proceed with project by October 18, 2024 (weather and schedule permitting).

Sole Source Status

The technology that Precision Concrete Cutting uses to remove trip hazards has been developed and patented by Precision Concrete Cutting based in Provo, UT. Precision Concrete Cutting and its local branches are the only companies authorized to use the patented equipment and method for removing sidewalk trip hazards as described by the following patent numbers:

U.S. Patent No. 6,827,074
U.S. Patent No. 6,896,604
U.S. Patent No. 7,000,606

U.S. Patent No. 7,143,760
U.S. Patent No. 7,201,644
U.S. Patent No. 7,402,095

These patent numbers and the Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) licensing agreement make Precision Concrete, Inc. a sole source for trip hazard removal in Michigan using this technology.

Invoicing

A Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) invoice will be issued for work completed at the conclusion of the project. Payment terms are net 15 days from the date work is completed unless contract states otherwise. PCC will not charge the City of Grosse Pointe Woods any additional fees for mobilization, setup, cleanup, or travel / expenses. All such fees are included in the proposed price.

An itemized invoice listing the location of each trip hazard resolved will be listed and can be provided in hard copy or soft copy as required by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. This itemized list provides the City of Grosse Pointe Woods with a completely auditable summary of the work performed by PCC. It is also a document that can support the fact that your organization has a proactive sidewalk maintenance program in place.

Summary

Precision Concrete Cutting is very interested in working with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods to deliver a proactive and cost-effective sidewalk maintenance program to help with the efforts of ADA compliance and reduce liabilities associated with sidewalk trip hazards. Our goal is to develop (or foster) a long-term relationship in which we can help the City of Grosse Pointe Woods achieve its annual sidewalk maintenance objectives.



Thank you for your consideration. Signature and date below confirms your acceptance of this proposal.

**Ben Johnson, Business Dev Mgr, SE Michigan
and Mark Bonkowski (President)**

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