

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: August 8, 2023

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: John D. Schaefer, Director of Public Works

Topic: Metra Parking Lot Curb Installation

PURPOSE

Approve the cost to install curbs in the Harwood Metra parking lot from the entrance at Ridge Road to the exit at Elm Road. A budget amendment is required to allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover the cost of this work.

PROCESS

The Village acquired additional downtown parking in the form of the previously owned Chicago Mass Transit District Parking lots on both the east and west side of the Metra/Amtrak rails in Homewood. The lot that runs parallel to Harwood Avenue is now called the Harwood Avenue Parking Lot. There is a long median that separates the Harwood Parking lot from Harwood Avenue. The median is overgrown with vegetation, bushes and dead trees that are scheduled to be removed over the next few weeks. The goal is to make the parking area more pedestrian friendly as people walk from the lots to the east side of Harwood Avenue to enjoy events, shopping and restaurants.

As part of the budget presented to the Village Board this past April, Public Works proposed to use ARPA funding to install a new curb in the Harwood Metra parking lot that extends from the lot's entrance at Ridge Road & Harwood Avenue to the lot's exit at Elm Road and Harwood Avenue. Installing this curb will prevent cars from pulling forward across the removed vegetation and directly onto Harwood, instead of using the exit at Elm Road and Harwood Avenue. This will be the first phase of landscape improvements on the west side of Harwood Avenue from Ridge Road to Elm Road.

The Village Board, at its April 25, 2023 Board meeting approved Strada Construction Company of Addison, IL to perform the work required to complete the 2023 Village-wide sidewalk and curb replacement program. Strada won the bid because they submitted the lowest price per linear foot and quantities for the installation of curb and sidewalks.

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OUTCOME

In an effort to be efficient and to take advantage of some excellent pricing for the installation of curb, Public Works recommends the Village Board approve the expanding of the work scope to allow for Strada Construction Company of Addison, IL to complete the curb installation work at the Harwood Avenue Parking Lot.

Staff recommends expanding the scope of work to now include 650 feet of additional curb work. This expanded work scope of \$26,000 will increase the amount of the current contract of \$119,010 to **\$145,010**. There are many benefits to approving and authorizing this expanded scope of work, some are listed below:

- Costs for construction continues to escalate – Utilizing Strada’s “lowest bid - current contract costs” insulates the Village from near-certain higher costs should we bid the Harwood Avenue Parking Lot curb project.
- Strada Construction Company was the lowest bid
- Using a vendor that is currently under contract and on-site (working in the Village) would expedite completion of the project, especially while the parking lot is under limited use during the Metra Station construction.

Public Works will be responsible for removing the vegetation prior to the contractor beginning work the week of Augusts 21, 2023, weather permitting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** ARPA Funding
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$0
- **ARPA Allocation:** \$26,000
- **Cost:** \$26,000

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Approve a budget amendment allocating \$26,000 of ARPA funds to the Harwood Avenue Parking Lot-Curb/Landscape Improvement project; waive competitive bidding due to a vendor currently under contract; and, approve expanding the scope of work for the contract with Strada Construction Company of Addison, IL to include 650 feet of additional curb work along Harwood Avenue; amending the not to exceed contract cost from \$119,010 to \$145,010.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Image of Proposed Construction
- Contract Award to Strada Construction Company
- ARPA Budget