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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of April 13, 2026

Title/Subject

Resolution No. 2418: Geer/Harper Realignment Contract Award.

Summary

This resolution will authorize staff to award a contract to construct a realignment of the Geer/Harper/1st Intersection.

Background

Realignment of the Geer/Harper/1st Intersection has been included in the adopted Capital Improvement Plan since 2019. The full project page can be viewed [HERE](#).

This realignment will improve safety and traffic flow in the northwest quadrant of the city. The overall project will add railroad crossing gate arms and realign the intersections to prioritize traffic flow to/from Geer and 1st Place. This will be achieved by altering the Geer & Harper intersection such that Harper will “T” in to Geer, with traffic westbound on Harper now required to stop. Additionally, the project will implement a 4-way stop at the intersection of Geer and 1st, with traffic on 1st Place now required to stop.

The project will cause significant impacts to traffic in the entire area during construction. Namely, the actual railroad crossing itself is likely to be closed for upwards of a year. This will mean significant disruption for traffic coming in to destinations such as Home Depot, Good Will, and others from Umatilla, Irrigon, and other points north of Hermiston. The scale of the impact underscores the importance of this crossing to efficient movement throughout that quadrant of the community.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Transportation: Improve mobility and transportation- “1.8- Work with regional partners to improve transportation access and circulation.”

Fiscal Information

Bids were opened on April 7 as follows:

- Silver Creek Contracting: \$1,005,000
- Bolen Construction: \$1,114,104
- Tapani, Inc.: \$1,181,000
- Culbert Construction: \$1,232,194.63
- Crestline Construction: \$1,325,075
- Wildish Standard Paving Co: \$1,390,685
- *Engineer's Estimate:* \$1,450,000

These improvements will be covered in their entirety by remaining HB2017 earmarked funds associated with N 1st Place; of which there is currently \$1,939,475

It is important to understand that due to what can only be described as 'willful delays' on the part of Union Pacific Railroad, the contract award discussed here does not include the railroad signal arms. That portion of the work will be completed as a separate contract, and is likely to require the lions' share of the remaining HB2017 funds.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Approve Resolution No. 2418
2. Reject Resolution No. 2418
3. Table Resolution No. 2418

Recommended Action/Motion

Approve Resolution No. 2418

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