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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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March 13, 2026

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor  
Council President Brencis D. Smith  
Laurel City Councilmembers

FROM: Timothy H. Miller, Director, Department of Public Works

SUBJ: Bid Recommendation, LA 26-002, Van Dusen Road Improvement Project – Phase 3 (From north side of Route 198 to Old Sandy Spring Road)

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval for awarding the contract for Van Dusen Road Improvement Project – Phase 3 (LA 26-002).

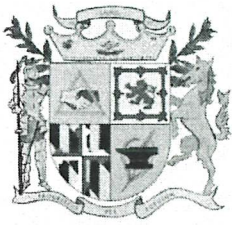
**Project Scope**

The project scope for Van Dusen Road Phase 3 encompasses comprehensive roadway and infrastructure improvements starting from the north side of Route 198 and extending to the intersection of Old Sandy Spring Road. This phase prioritizes a complete modernization of the traffic control system by transitioning from existing span-wire configurations to permanent, heavy-duty mast arm structures, complemented by the installation of updated pedestrian countdown signals and Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) pushbuttons. The physical footprint of the corridor will be upgraded through a 2" mill and overlay of the existing asphalt surface to restore structural integrity, alongside strategic median widening and the selective replacement of damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalk sections to ensure proper drainage and pedestrian continuity. To ensure full accessibility, all non-compliant ADA handicap ramps within the project limits will be fully reconstructed to meet current federal standards. Finally, the project includes the application of high-visibility pavement markings, including international-style crosswalks, solid lane lines, broken lines, and directional symbols, ensuring clear channelization and safety for both motorists and pedestrians throughout the work zone.

**Bid Results**

The Department of Public Works has solicited public bids for this project, resulting in the receipt of seven (5) submissions. A formal bid opening was conducted on March 3, 2026, at Laurel Municipal Center. The submitted bids, ranked from lowest to highest, are as follows:

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Olney Masonry. Corp.      | \$611,116.50*  |
| 2. SFMS, LLC.                | \$612,786.20   |
| 3. E&R Services, Inc.        | \$699,540.95   |
| 4. DXI Construction, Inc.    | \$1,118,879.50 |
| 5. Sagars Construction, Cor. | \$1,197,508.62 |



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\*Apparent Low Bidder, and the firm is a certified Maryland Minority Business Enterprise (MBE).

**Funding**

Funding for this project is available through the Adopted FY2026 Capital Improvement Program – Van Dusen Road Improvement.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the contract for this project be awarded to **Olney Masonry, Corp. of Beltsville, MD**, a certified Minority Business Enterprise, for their bid of **\$611,116.50**, with a contingency of **\$61,111.65**, for a total project authorization of **\$672,228.15**.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has verified the contractor's references with other cities and counties similar in profile to the City of Laurel. These references reported that Olney Masonry, Corp. performed their work to a high standard, maintained strict adherence to project timelines, and completed their contracts at no additional cost beyond the amount awarded.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Timothy Miller at (301) 725-0088, extension 3206.

**Reviewed for Funding:**

**S. Michele Saylor, Director**  
**Department of Budget and Personnel Services**

3/13/2020

**Date**

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator  
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