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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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August 14, 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 26-003, Van Dusen Road Improvement Project –
Phase 1 (From north side of Contee Road to South side of Cherry Lane)

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval for awarding the contract for Van Dusen Road Improvement Project – Phase 1 (LA 26-003).

Project Scope

The Van Dusen Road Phase 1 project, part of three phased project encompasses a comprehensive roadway, traffic control, and pedestrian infrastructure improvements along Van Dusen Road, extending from the north side of the Contee Road intersection to the south side of the Cherry Lane intersection. The project will include the complete modernization of the existing traffic signal system, including the replacement of existing span-wire configurations with permanent, heavy-duty mast arm structures. Updated pedestrian countdown signals and Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) pushbuttons will be installed at the Greater Laurel Hospital Road and Van Dusen Road intersection. Additionally, the existing mast-arm traffic signal equipment at the Killbarron Road/Olive Branch Way and Van Dusen Road intersection will be upgraded. Roadway improvements will include a 2-inch mill and overlay of the existing asphalt pavement. The project will also include construction of a new median, selective replacement of damaged curb and gutter and sidewalk sections, and reconstruction or upgrading of ADA ramps to improve drainage, pedestrian connectivity, and accessibility. Existing wood guardrails will be replaced with new standard metal W-beam guardrails where required. Concrete bus pads will also be constructed at existing bus stop locations. To ensure compliance with current accessibility requirements, all non-compliant ADA curb ramps within the project limits will be reconstructed in accordance with the latest applicable federal and state standards. Finally, the project will include the installation of high-visibility pavement markings, including international-style crosswalks, solid and broken lane lines, and directional pavement symbols. These improvements will enhance traffic channelization, enhance roadway visibility, and improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and transit users throughout the project corridor.



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Bid Results

The Department of Public Works has solicited public bids for this project, resulting in the receipt of six (6) submissions. A formal bid opening was conducted on August 11, 2026, at Laurel Municipal Center. The submitted bids, ranked from lowest to highest, are as follows:

1. Francis O. Day Co., Inc.	\$1,199,435.50*
2. SFMS, LLC.	\$1,239,701.74
3. Olney Masonry Corporation.	\$1,415,696.22
4. M.T. Laney Co. Inc.	\$1,425,486.61
5. E&R Services, Inc.	\$1,444,162.30
6. Sagres Construction, Corp.	\$2,189,659.09

* The apparent Low Bidder is a certified Maryland Minority Business Enterprise (MBE).

Funding

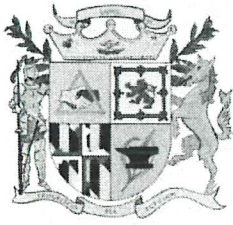
Funding for this project is available through the adopted FY2027 Capital Improvement Program – Van Dusen Road Improvement.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the contract for this project be awarded to **Francis O. Day Co., Inc. of Rockville, MD**, a certified Minority Business Enterprise, for their bid of **\$1,199,435.50**, with a 10% contingency of **\$119,943.55**, for a total project authorization of **\$1,319,379.05**.

The Department of Public Works has verified the contractor's references with other cities and counties similar in profile to the City of Laurel. These references reported that Francis O. Day Co., Inc. 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.



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