



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6986
September 15, 2026
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6986: West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project Bid Award	☐ Discussion Only ☒ Action Needed: ☐ Motion ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Award the West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvement Project construction contract to Kamins Construction Inc.	

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
STAFF:	Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations Chris Marks, Interim Assistant City Engineer Zechariah Rodino, Utilities Engineer
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Project Locations Map
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	3. Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ 550,224
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 551,699
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to award a public works construction contract to Kamins Construction Inc., a Washington-based corporation, to construct the West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements (90.35.0006) and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements (90.35.0018) Project.

- Mercer Island is divided into approximately 85 sub-basins that collect and convey stormwater through drains, streets, gutters, ditches, watercourses, and culverts to Lake Washington.
- The City identifies and prioritizes stormwater capital projects based on system assessments, maintenance records, flooding concerns, infrastructure condition, capacity, and risks to public and private property.
- The *2021-2022 Mercer Island Basin Study and CIP Prioritization Final Report* identified undersized pipes in Sub-Basin 18C, leading the City to develop and prioritize the West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project.
- This construction contract combines the work associated with both capital projects. Project locations are shown in Exhibit 1.

- The project was advertised on August 4, 2026, with bids due on August 24, 2026. The City received seven bids. Kamins Construction, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$473,414.
- Including construction, contingency, engineering and City support, the total project budget is \$550,224, which is fully funded within the adopted 2025-2026 budget, with no additional appropriation required. Sales tax is not charged separately for this storm project because Public Road Construction Rule 171 requires contractors to include applicable use tax in their individual bid items.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2026 and be completed in Q1 2027.

BACKGROUND

Mercer Island is divided into approximately 85 sub-basins. Within each sub-basin, storm water runoff is collected in some combination of public and/or private lateral and trunk storm drains, streets, gutters, and ditches and then conveyed to the Island's watercourses. The watercourses flow toward Lake Washington and are conveyed through culverts where they pass beneath roads, driveways, and other developed areas.

The City identifies potential stormwater capital projects through system inspections, condition assessments, hydraulic analyses, maintenance records, and reports of flooding or drainage problems. Projects are prioritized based on factors such as infrastructure conditions, capacity deficiencies, risk of failure, potential impacts to public safety and private property, environmental considerations, and opportunities to coordinate improvements with other capital projects.

In 2022, Osborn Consulting Inc. completed the *2021-2022 Mercer Island Basin Study and CIP Prioritization Final Report*, which evaluated four sub-basins with known deficiencies, including undersized storm drains and localized flooding during large storm events. The assessment concluded that there was an opportunity in Sub-Basin 18C to redirect stormwater to an area with greater capacity, thereby reducing localized flooding on West Mercer Way. Based on this recommendation, the City developed the Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project.

SUB-BASIN 18C DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (90.35.00018)

The 3300 block of West Mercer Way experiences recurring flooding during large storm events. To eliminate this hazard, the City will divert a portion of the stormwater flow from Sub-basin 18C to Sub-basin 18B at the intersection of West Mercer Way and SE 32nd Street (Exhibit 1). This will require the installation of a new manhole at the intersection of West Mercer Way and SE 32nd Street and a new storm drainpipe at the intersection of SE 32nd Street and 65th Place SE.

WEST MERCER WAY CULVERT REPLACEMENTS (90.35.0006)

As part of the City's annual preventative maintenance program, staff utilize Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) to assess stormwater infrastructure. Through this program, four culverts on West Mercer Way were identified that have reached the end of their useful lives and need replacement. This project will replace three concrete culverts with ductile iron pipe and rehabilitate the fourth using a cured-in-place pipe liner. These improvements will reduce the risk of failure and protect the roadway, utilities, and adjacent properties.

Design for the Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project began in 2022 and was subsequently paused while the City evaluated project timing and implementation. In March 2026, the City resumed design and combined the project with the nearby West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements Project. Combining the projects created efficiencies in design, procurement, and construction while allowing the City to coordinate

work and minimize impacts along the West Mercer Way corridor. Final plans, specifications, and cost estimate for the combined project were completed in July 2026.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project combines two CIP projects into a single public works construction contract scheduled for this fall.

Work to be performed under this contract is shown in Exhibit 1 and includes improvements at five sites across the City as follows:

- Site 1, West Mercer Way and SE 32nd Street: Install a new manhole with a flow splitter and roughly 290 linear feet of polypropylene storm pipe to redirect stormwater to an area with higher capacity.
- Site 2, 4848 West Mercer Way: Replace the existing concrete culvert underneath West Mercer Way with 40 linear feet of new ductile iron pipe
- Site 3, 5020 West Mercer Way: Replace the existing concrete culvert underneath West Mercer Way with 52 linear feet of new ductile iron pipe, pipe the ditch directly in front of 5020 West Mercer Way, and stabilize the watercourses leading to this stormwater system on 5004 and 5030 West Mercer Way.
- Site 4, 5080 West Mercer Way: Replace the existing concrete culvert underneath West Mercer Way with 36 linear feet of new ductile iron pipe.
- Site 5, 8404 SE 53rd Place: Use a cured-in-place pipe liner to rehabilitate the existing concrete culvert underneath West Mercer Way and replace the frame and grate on existing catch basin 27A-42. Cured-in-place was selected as the preferred method due to minor structural damage in the pipe which does not necessitate a complete replacement and extends the remaining useful life approximately 50 or more years.

The engineer's construction cost estimate is approximately \$476,669.

BID RESULTS

Seven construction bids were received on August 24, 2026. The lowest bid was from Kamins Construction Inc. for \$473,414. Table 1 shows the bid results. Public Road Construction Rule 171 requires road & street drainage systems projects to include applicable use tax in the contract bid price.

Table 1. West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project - Construction Bid Results	
COMPANY NAME	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Kamins Construction Inc.	\$473,414
Kar-Vel Construction	\$490,845
RW Scott Construction Co.	\$521,112
OMA Construction Inc.	\$539,175
SCI Infrastructure, LLC	\$569,665
Road Construction Northwest, Inc.	\$583,581
Calli Denney Construction LLC	\$589,220
Engineer's Estimate	\$476,669

A review of the Labor and Industries (L&I) website confirms Kamins Construction Inc., is a contractor in good standing with no license violations, outstanding lawsuits, or L&I tax debt. Based on review of Kamins Construction Inc.'s bid submittal and reference checks, staff determined that Kamins Construction Inc. is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for this project and staff recommend awarding the West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project to Kamins Construction Inc.

PROJECT COSTS

The total estimated project cost for the West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project is \$550,224. This includes the construction contract and other costs necessary to complete the project, including construction contingency, design, construction inspection, and project management. The estimated project costs are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project Costs	
Description	Cost Estimate
Construction Contract	
Construction Contract	\$473,414
Construction Contingency @ 12%	\$56,810
Construction Contract Subtotal	\$530,224
Additional Project Costs	
Project Design and Construction Support	\$10,000
Staff Project Management/Construction Inspection	\$10,000
Additional Project Costs Subtotal	\$20,000
Total Project Costs	\$550,224

The combined 2025–2026 remaining available budget for the West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project is \$551,699. The available project budgets are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project Budget	
Project Budget	
West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements (90.35.0006)	\$522,563
Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements (90.35.0018)	\$29,136
Total Budget Available for Project	\$551,699
Budget Remaining	\$1,475

Staff recommend awarding the bid to Kamins Construction Inc., and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Kamins Construction Inc., for construction of the West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and SB 18C Drainage Improvements Project.

NEXT STEPS

Construction activities on the West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and SB 18C Drainage Improvements Project is scheduled to begin in late September 2026. The entire construction contract is anticipated to be completed by the end of Q1 2027. Staff will notify businesses and residents affected by the project prior to the start of construction and work will be scheduled to avoid any federal holidays or events.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Award the West Mercer Way Culvert Replacements and Sub-Basin 18C Drainage Improvements Project to Kamins Construction Inc., a Washington-based corporation, and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Kamins Construction Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$473,414.