

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER - AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: Award 2025 Street Overlay Project

Requested & Presented by: Jasen Glasbrenner

Meeting Date: Public Works Committee on 06-19-2025
Finance Committee and Common Council on 07-01-2025

Committee Review: Motion by Schultz to recommend that the Finance Committee and City Council approve awarding the 2025 Street Overlay Project, using Chip Seal, to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers at a cost of \$2.56/sq yd for Single Seal and \$5.05/sq yd for Double Seal with the expenditure amount not to exceed \$105,000. Seconded by Walters. Motion carried unanimously.

Background: As part of the City's 2025 Street Overlay Project, the Public Works Department issued a formal request for bids to resurface approximately 14 blocks of city streets. We requested bids for both blacktop overlay and chip seal in order to consider different types of road maintenance processes and price points. The request was publicly advertised in the Richland Observer on May 22 and May 29, 2025.

Four bids were obtained for the service; to provide a consistent comparison, bid evaluations were based on price per square yard of asphalt or chip seal surfacing:

Vendor	Scope	Bid
D.L. Gasser Construction	1,500 Tons – 5LT Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay (1.5" Avg.)	\$7.17/sq yd
Scott Construction (Bid #1)	1,500 Tons – 5LT Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay (1.5" Avg.)	\$6.13/sq yd
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers	Chip Seal (Various options by Street); Using 3/8" Granite Chips	Single Seal: \$2.56/sq yd Double Seal: \$5.05/sq yd
Scott Construction (Bid #2)	Chip Seal (Various options by Street); Using 3/8" Granite Chips	Single Seal: \$3.14/sq yd Double Seal: \$5.54/sq yd

Department Recommendation: Chip sealing is the most cost-effective and practical choice for maintaining the roads included in this project. Overlays can cause drainage issues due to added height and have reduced durability on unstable roadbeds, making them a more expensive long-term option. Chip seal pricing is also significantly lower—17% to 58% cheaper than overlays.

All bids were reviewed for completeness and alignment with project goals. The department recommends awarding the 2025 Street Overlay Project to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers as the lowest responsible bidder for chip sealing, with unit rates ranging from \$2.56 to \$5.05 per square yard depending on seal type.

Financial Impact: \$105,000 was originally budgeted for the 2025 Street Overlay Project. Of that, \$72,500 will be used to complete the planned overlay work. While additional road segments could have been considered, the recent need for an end loader engine replacement has shifted priorities. The remaining \$32,500 will be used to cover the cost of the engine replacement to maintain essential operations.

Funding Source: 2025 Budgeted Line Item – 10-54200-560 – ROADWAYS/CONTRACTED WORK (\$105,000)

Requested Action:

FINANCE: Motion to recommend that the City Council approve awarding the 2025 Street Overlay Project, using chip seal, to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers at a cost of \$2.56/sq yd for Single Seal and \$5.05/sq yd for Double Seal with the expenditure amount not to exceed \$72,500.

COUNCIL: Motion to award the 2025 Street Overlay Project, using chip seal, to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers at a cost of \$2.56/sq yd for Single Seal and \$5.05/sq yd for Double Seal with the expenditure amount not to exceed \$72,500.

Attachment(s):

2025 Street Overlay Project Bid Request Press Release

2025 Street Overlay Project Supplemental Info

D.L. Gasser Overlay Bid

Scott Overlay Bid

Fahrner Overlay Bid

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