

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING 4/14/2025**

SUBJECT: Bid proposals for the City of Rochelle 2025 Sidewalk/pedestrian paths Capital Improvements Program

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Summary:

The annual sidewalk/pedestrian path Capital improvements project, as administered by the Engineering Department, provides for the replacement of existing sidewalks and/or constructs new sidewalks and pedestrian paths and other related items throughout the City. The program provides for improved accessible pedestrian access routes including ramps for the disabled and other users. This is part of an effort to continuously improve our pedestrian network for all users and meet certain ADA and PROWAG standards. The program is primarily funded through the Utility Tax Fund (UTF), established 25 years ago, to annually address the needed and required upgrades to the City's pedestrian sidewalk system, associated curb and gutter replacement, street pavement restoration and landscaping restoration. Since its inception over 1,200,000 square feet of sidewalk and/or other pedestrian paths, concrete curb and gutter, and hundreds of accessibility ramps have been improved through replacement and/or new construction. The UTF has been utilized to supplement new sidewalk, pedestrian path, curb and gutter, and storm sewer and inlet/manhole construction on multiple roadway, bridge, storm sewer and City street urbanization/reconstruction projects.

The project plans and specifications were developed by the City Engineering Department and advertised in the Rochelle News leader and on the City website. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on April 3rd at 11:30 am for the above referenced project. Separate bids were received as follows:

- Bruns Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$340,987.26
- Triggs Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$366,725.00
- AA Construction Concrete, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$374,962.00
- Elliott & Wood, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$494,239.75
- Stenstrom Excavation and Blacktop submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$540,016.75

The lowest bid is approximately 13% lower than the Engineer's estimated costs for the project. The project is funded with UTF administered by the Engineering Department. A transfer from the FY25 UTF #18-00 will be made to the FY 25 CIP fund to cover costs associated with the project. The City will purchase detectable warning plates, storm inlets/manholes, hot mix asphalt, aggregate base course and pavement striping materials

for use on the project. These materials will be used by the Public Works Department crews to provide HMA pavement replacement/ patching restoration along new curb and gutter sections and within or adjacent to the project limits.

Furthermore, given the favorable contract unit prices for multiple construction items it is recommended that approval be given to the City Manager and/or the City Engineer to negotiate further change order work, not to exceed \$48,000, within the proposed contract to facilitate other improvements and upgrades to sidewalks and streets adjacent to this project or within the City limits. It is anticipated the construction project will be substantially complete by the end of September 2025. However additional time will be granted for any additional work.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
CIP 36-00	\$412,000 construction, Change order, City materials	Bid proposal \$340,987.26 Change order/improvement add on \$48,000.00
		\$24,000 HMA/other City materials

Strategic Plan Goal Application:

infrastructure effectiveness and improvement short term complex

Recommendation:

- Consider acceptance of the low bid proposal and award the contract to Bruns Construction, Inc. and reject all other bids received.
- Consider approval and authorization of a not to exceed \$48,000 improvement add on (contract change order) to be negotiated by the City Manager and/or City Engineer for improvements to City sidewalks, shared use paths, streets/alleys and drainage systems adjacent to the project limits.
- Consider approval and authorization of a not to exceed \$24,000 to purchase materials by the City Manager and/or City Engineer for improvements or restoration to City sidewalks, streets/alleys and drainage systems, pavement striping/markings and signage within or adjacent to the project limits.