

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING 10/27/2025
AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: City of Rochelle 2025 N. 14th Street Storm Sewer improvements bid acceptance and contract award

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Summary: The N 14th Street Storm Sewer project was identified in the 2025 CIP and is considered Phase 1 of the improvements. The project will include new larger diameter storm sewer drainage upgrades to enhance or replace old deteriorated and undersized existing storm sewers that currently service a large, developed and urbanized area upland watershed north and east of the 14th Street right of way.

All the project is within City easements, undeveloped and developed Street Right of Way (ROW). However, the project will traverse through the St. Paul property, north of the church parking lot, to the undeveloped 14th Street Highland Ave and 14th Street pavements. Road closures are expected in the Spring of 2026 during the remaining work. The project extends from 15th Street box culverts, near the St Paul Church, and continues east and north to Highland Avenue through the 14th Street ROW. The Storm Sewer collector will provide for needed maintenance and relief of existing or undersized localized systems.

The above-mentioned project was advertised in the Rochelle Newsleader and on the City website. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on October 21, 2025 at 11 am for the above referenced project. Eleven separate bids were received and the lowest five are as follows:

- Martin & Company Excavating submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$374,069.16
- O'Brien Civil Works, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$482,474.00
- N-Trak Group LLC submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$497,562.80
- DPI Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$515,775.60
- Elliott and Wood Company submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$519,999.00

The lowest bid is approximately 21% lower than the Engineers' estimate of cost. The project is being funded with Sales Tax funds for infrastructure, and a transfer will be made to the CY 2025 CIP fund 36-00-86104 to cover the City costs associated with the project. 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 additional work or contract change orders, not to exceed \$73,000, within the proposed bid contract

prices to facilitate other improvements and upgrades to streets or other storm sewer systems adjacent to this project.

It is anticipated that the construction project will be substantially complete by late May 2026. However, additional time will be granted for any additional work added to the contract.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted/ estimated Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
CIP	\$447,000	Bid proposal \$374,069.12 improvement add on \$73,000

Strategic Plan Goal:

Infrastructure Effectiveness and Improvement short term complex

Recommendation:

- Consider a resolution accepting the Bid proposal and award the contract to Martin and Company Excavating and reject all other bids received.
- Consider a resolution for the approval and authorization of a not to exceed \$73,000 improvement add on or contract change order to be negotiated by the City Manager and/or City Engineer for improvements to the N. 14th Storm Sewer improvement project or adjacent to said project limits that are determined to be germane to the contract by the City Engineer.