

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING 4/14/2022**

SUBJECT: FY 2022 City of Rochelle Sidewalk/pedestrian paths improvement project bid proposals

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Summary:

The annual sidewalk/pedestrian path improvements project, as administered by the Engineering Department, provides for the replacement of existing 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 in 1997 in an effort to routinely address the needed and required upgrades to the City's pedestrian sidewalk system, associated curb and gutter replacement, street pavement restoration and landscaping. Since its inception over 900,000 square feet of sidewalk and/or other pedestrian paths and hundreds of accessibility ramps have been improved through replacement and/or new construction. The UTF has been utilized to supplement new sidewalk or pedestrian path 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 4th at 11am for the above referenced project. Four separate bids were received as follows:

- Bruns Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$360,002.50
- AA Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$410,441.25
- Porter Brothers Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$506,106.12
- O'Brien Civil Works, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$529,210.00

The lowest bid is approximately 11% 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 FY22 UTF #18-00 will be made to the FY 22 CIP fund #36-00-86500 & 502 to cover costs associated with the project. The City will purchase detectable warning plates for use on the project and the Street Department crews will provide pavement patching and restoration along new curb and gutter sections.

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 \$43,000, within the proposed contract to facilitate other improvements and upgrades to streets adjacent to this project. It is anticipated the construction project will be substantially complete by the end of September 2022. However additional time will be granted for any additional work.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
CIP 36-00-86500 & 86502	\$432,000 construction, Change order, materials	Bid proposal \$360,002.50 Change order/improvement add on \$43,000.00
		\$29,000 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 and reject all other bids received.
- Consider approval and authorization of a not to exceed \$43,000 improvement add on (contract change order) to be negotiated by the City Manager and/or City Engineer for improvements to City Streets and drainage systems adjacent to the project limits