

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

SUBJECT: Bid proposals for the City of Rochelle 2025 Steward Road Multi Use Path

Staff Contact: Sam Tesreau, City Engineer

Summary: The Steward Road Multi Use Path (MUP) was programmed in the 2025 CIP for completion as part of a development agreement for property along and adjacent to the proposed path extension. The project will consist of a newly constructed HMA path from Caron Court to the existing MUP at Ritchie /Steward Rd intersection. Tree and landscaping removal and replacement, along with new culverts under the path and grading and shaping of ditches will be part of the project as well.

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 11:00 am for the above referenced project. Separate bids were received as follows:

- Bruns Construction submitted a bid for making the improvements in the amount of \$196,509.20
- Martin and Company Excavating submitted a bid for the improvements in the amount of \$219,815.50
- M2 Service Company submitted a bid for the improvements in the amount of \$286,391.98
- Porter Brothers submitted a bid for the improvements in the amount of \$371,464.00
- Elliott and Wood, Inc. submitted a bid for the improvements in the amount of \$405,000.00

Bruns Construction has submitted a letter withdrawing their bid. The next lowest bidder, Martin and Company Excavating, submitted a bid approximately 2% higher than the Engineer's estimate of cost. Therefore, it is recommended to approve the bid proposal of Martin and Company Excavating.

The project will be funded through the CIP fund #36-00. 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 \$16,000, within the proposed bid contract prices or agreed unit prices, to facilitate other improvements and upgrades to City drainage systems, pedestrian paths and/or streets adjacent to this project. It is anticipated the construction project will be substantially complete by early September 2025. However, additional time will be granted for any additional work.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
CIP 36-00	\$216,000 construction	Bid proposal \$219,815.50 Change order/improvement add on \$16,000.00
		Total \$235,509.20

Strategic Plan Goal Application:

infrastructure effectiveness and improvement short term complex

Recommendation:

- Consider acceptance of the Bid proposal and award the contract Martin & Company Excavating and reject all other bids received.
- Consider approval and authorization of a not to exceed \$16,000 improvement add on (contract change order) to be negotiated by the City Manager and/or City Engineer for improvements to City drainage systems, pedestrian paths and/or streets adjacent to the project limits.