

TO: City Council
FROM: Ryan Blaser, Engineer III
DATE: September 2, 2025
SUBJECT: Award of Bid with Active Construction for Percival Creek Fish Passage Barrier Removal project

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Works Contract with Active Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,930,930.00 for construction services for the Percival Creek Fish Passage Barrier Removal project.

This above-requested action was recommended for approval by the Public Works Committee at the November 7, 2024 Public Works Committee Meeting.

2) Background:

This project is for the removal and replacement of a fish barrier culvert conveying Percival Creek under Sapp Road. The existing culvert is an undersized five-foot diameter concrete culvert and the replacement culvert will be a 60 feet long by 19 feet wide by 8.5 feet high box culvert. Other improvements include improved instream large wood and streambed material, roadway reconstruction, and additional multimodal facilities for the Percival Creek crossing.

These improvements will restore access to approximately 7,300 feet of mainstream habitat, 9,052 square feet of spawning habitat, and 882,750 square feet of rearing habitat in cool water for Chinook, chum, coho, steelhead, sea-run cutthroat, and resident trout.

Construction is expected to begin Summer 2026.

Bids for the project were opened on August 14th, 2025. Five bids were received ranging from \$1,930,930.00 to \$2,894,070.50. The Engineer's estimate for the construction contract is \$2,257,529.00. The lowest bidder, Active Construction, Inc., is below the Engineer's estimate.

A road closure for this project was approved by City Council on November 19, 2024. The approved road closure for this project will enhance safety for the contractor, city staff, and traveling public. Full access of the construction site will increase the contractor's efficiency, leading to fewer project delays and reduced costs.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2025 – 2026:

Be a Leader in Environmental Health and Sustainability – Improve overall habitat and water quality by assessing fish passages, removing obstructions, converting urban-density septic systems, and collaborating with area Tribes.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Reject all bids and cancel the project.
 - ☐ Reject all bids and re-advertise the project.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Tumwater has secured \$2,100,000 from WSDOT's PROTECT funding program and \$257,550 as an RCO grant. These grants are non-matching grants; however additional funds to complete the project will be City of Tumwater Storm Drain Funds.

6) Attachments:

- A. Official Bid Tabulation
- B. Vicinity Map