

TO: City Council
FROM: Bill Lindauer, Engineering Services Manager
DATE: April 18, 2023
SUBJECT: Authority to Solicit Bids and Award Contract for the 2023 Pavement Maintenance Project

1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the City Council authorize staff to solicit bids for the 2023 Pavement Maintenance Project and recommend City Council award and authorize the Mayor to sign a public works contract with the lowest responsible bidder.

Staff also requests that the City Council increase the change order authority provided to the Transportation and Engineering Director under Tumwater Municipal Code 2.14.060 to 20 percent for this project.

The above actions were recommended for approval by the Public Works Committee at the April 6, 2023 meeting.

2) Background:

Staff has developed the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funded 2023 Pavement Maintenance project to meet the needs of the pavement preservation program, proposed 10-year TBD segments and the priorities map utilized when approaching citizens regarding formation of the TBD. This year's project includes a blend of arterials, collectors, and local residential streets. The project focuses on pavement rehabilitation and overlays, but will also include curb ramp replacement, crack sealing, and citywide pavement markings.

A request for an increase to the change order authority provided to the Transportation and Engineering Director in the Municipal Code from 10% of contract bid amount to 20% of contract bid amount is due to the nature of pavement maintenance work. Paving projects are fast paced; most of the expensive work for the project will occur this summer in less than two months' time. Staff needs to be able to react to project changes quicker than normal to avoid project delay claims. An increase in change order authority would also open up the option of moving street segments with planned future maintenance forward if the bid prices are favorable.

The Engineer's estimate for construction is \$4,000,000. As with previous pavement maintenance projects, staff will have the ability to add or delete street segments to stay within the approved project budget.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2021-2026:

Create and Maintain a Transportation System Safe for All Modes of Travel – Complete roadway maintenance to enhance vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.

4) Alternatives:

☐ Do not authorize staff to solicit bids.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The majority of funding for this project comes from the TBD.

6) Attachments:

A. Paving Schedule