



**TO:** Mayor Shaun Sipma  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Stephen Joersz, P.E., Traffic Engineer

**DATE:** July 1, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **3RD STREET SE AND BURDICK EXPRESSWAY HSIP REJECT BID (4426)**

**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Recommend council to reject the bids and authorize Engineering, along with the NDDOT, to rebid the project.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS**

Lance Meyer, City Engineer	857-4100
Stephen Joersz, Traffic Engineer	857-4100

**III. DESCRIPTION**

A. Background

The City of Minot Engineering Department designed and bid City Project 4426. On Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, NDDOT opened the bids and two bids were received. The low bid from Strata was \$208,294.50, which is \$112,444.50 higher than the engineer's estimate. After reviewing the bids and contacting Strata, it was determined that a rejection of the current bids and a rebid would result in a more accurate and cost efficient project.

B. Proposed Project

N/A

C. Consultant Selection

N/A

**IV. IMPACT:**

A. Strategic Impact:

Pedestrian safety, especially around civic buildings and parks, is a priority for the City.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

A delay in construction will result in a delay in realizing the benefit of improved pedestrian crossings.

C. Fiscal Impact:

This project is part of a NDDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program grant and is funded at 90% Federal/10% Local for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE improvements and at a 95% Federal/5% Local for the E. Burdick improvements. The federal portion of the funds are capped based upon the final engineer's estimate. Below indicates the anticipated cost share from the engineer's estimate and the would be cost share if the project were awarded as-is.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Engineer's Estimate</u>	<u>Low Bid (Strata)</u>
Federal/State	\$87,398.25	\$87,398.25
City	\$8,451.75	\$120,896.25
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>\$95,950.00</i>	<i>\$208,294.50</i>

**V. ALTERNATIVES**

Alt 1. The City Council could approve the low bid by Strata. This alternative would ensure that the project would be completed in 2019 although at a significant investment from the city.

**VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

Council's rejection of the bids will allow the project to be rebid through the NDDOT. The engineering department will work with the NDDOT to have the project rebid as soon as possible. However, due to the timing of project bid cycles and contract award, this project may have to be constructed in 2020.

**VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- A. NDDOT Notice of Bids