



TO: Mayor Shaun Sipma
Members of the City Council

FROM: Stephen Joersz, PE, PTOE, Traffic Engineer

DATE: November 4, 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 to reexamine 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 along with the help of the NDDOT bid City Project 4426 for the second time. On Friday, October 11th, NDDOT opened the bids and two bids were received. The low bid from Strata was \$161,370.65, which is \$65,520.65 higher than the engineer's estimate of \$95,850.00 and \$46,923.85 lower than their first bid of \$208,294.50. After reviewing the bids and contacting Strata and Main & Holmes, it is the Engineering Departments understanding that the best course of action for the City is to reject the Bids and reexamine how the project can be successfully implemented.

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 3rd 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	\$65,520.65
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>\$95,850.00</i>	<i>\$161,370.65</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 2020 although at a significant investment from the city. If this alternative was chosen, the City could renew discussions with Ward County regarding cost participation.

Alt. 2. The City Council could allow the Engineering Department to look into different means of completing this project. Examples of such means are including the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon improvements in the Traffic Department's signal maintenance fund, the ADA Crosswalk improvements incorporated into a future Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter project or improvements could be incorporated within a future 3rd Street SE reconstruction project.

Alt. 3. The City Council could advise the Engineering Department to discontinue exploring improvements that were designed with the Highway Safety Improvement Program project.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

A reaction from the City Council is needed to comply with NDDOT bidding requirements. A prompt and timely denial of the project would allow all invested parties the ability to move on.

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. NDDOT Notice of Bids