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Agenda Item No. 52
Roll Call No. 08-
Communication No. 08-478
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Reject all bids on 2008 Enhanced School Crossings at Signalized Intersections (SRTS) and to close the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the 2008 Enhanced School Crossings at Signalized Intersections (SRTS) and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. However, only one bid was received on July 15, 2008, which was incomplete, and therefore was not read by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). Staff recommends that City Council close the hearing, reject the bid, and rebid the project at a late date. This project provides for the upgrade of ten signalized intersections where adult guards are present near elementary schools. The improvement includes installation of new pedestrian signal indications with "count-down" timers, along with durable pavement markings identifying a "continental-style" (ladder-style markings) crosswalk and stop line.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: No bids were read (\$112,152 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2008-2009 CIP, Page Traffic Control-5, City-wide Signals, Channelization, and School Crossing Protection Program, TFC091, Being: 100% of construction costs to a maximum of \$112,798 in Iowa DOT Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) - Enhanced School Crossings at Signalized Intersections program funds with remaining costs in G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On June 23, 2008, under Roll Call No. 08-1092, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the 2008 Enhanced School Crossings at Signalized Intersections (SRTS).

Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the 2008 Enhanced School Crossings at Signalized Intersections (SRTS), 04-2008-004. The improvements consist of upgrading existing traffic signals and pavement markings at various locations. All upgrades in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 489-105/108, at the following locations in the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

- E.15th Street/E. Grand Avenue

- 2nd Street/ Hull Avenue
- Merle Hay Road/Hickman Road
- 19th Street/ Clark Street
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway/Clark Street
- 19th Street/Forest Avenue
- Pennsylvania Avenue/Filmore Street
- S.W. 14th Street/Army Post Road
- S.W. 9th Street/Park Avenue
- Hubbell Avenue/Easton Boulevard.

Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

No valid bids were received by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

The bids, in accordance with a previously approved IDOT Agreement, were received and opened by the IDOT on July 15, 2008. No valid bids were received; however, one bid was received, which the IDOT determined was incomplete, and therefore was not read by the IDOT.

The City Engineer recommends the City Council take action to formally reject the bid results of the July 15, 2008 IDOT bid opening, close the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and engineer's estimate, and rebid the work later this fall.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 23, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1092

Action: 2008 Enhanced School Crossings at Signalized Intersections (SRTS) – Receiving of bids, (7-15-08), and Setting date of hearing, (8-11-08). (Construction Estimate - \$112,152). (Council Communication No. 08-375) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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