



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive &
Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM: Eric L. Schlehuber, Public Works Equipment Services Manager
Andy Bowler, Public Works Maintenance & Operations Superintendent

DATE: March 18, 2020

RE: Bid #20-16, 2020 Hot Mix Asphalt Prelevel at Various Locations; Construction Contract Award

▪ Requested Action

Approval requested to award the bid and subsequent standard construction contract for the 2020 Hot Mix Asphalt Prelevel at Various Locations to the lowest responsive bidder, Granite Construction Company in Everson, Washington, in an amount not to exceed \$628,535.00.

Attached for your review and signature is the standard construction contract award package consisting of:

- Memo
- Approval for Contract Award (endorsed by the County Executive)
- Project Location Summary with Quantities
- Bid Tabulation (of all bids)
- Low Bid Proposal

▪ Background and Purpose

Bids were duly advertised and submitted for the annual hot mix asphalt prelevel at various locations. As part of the annual maintenance and repair on various county roads and on county road projects, the Public Works Maintenance and Operations Division contracts out the prelevel project. Three bid responses were received Tuesday, March 17, 2020. See the attached *Bid Tabulation* sheet for details on the three bid proposals received and the *Project Location Summary with Quantities* sheet for details on the specific locations around the County proposed for the prelevel project. Factoring in costs for mobilization, signing and traffic control, pavement repair, seeded lawn installation, and hot mix asphalt (prelevel 3/8"), Granite Construction Company is the overall lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the 2020 Hot Mix Asphalt Prelevel at Various Locations Project.

▪ Funding Amount and Source

This bid award and subsequent contract for 2020 Hot Mix Prelevel at Various Locations in the amount not to exceed \$628,535.00, is being submitted concurrently with the bid award and subsequent contract for the 2020 Hot Mix Asphalt Prelevel on Lummi Reservation in the amount not to exceed \$436,003.05. The combined total for the 2020 Hot Mix Prelevel Projects is \$1,064,538.05. These are regularly budget expenditures for prelevel and \$850,000.00 was approved in the 2020 Road Fund budget. Public Works has adequate funds within the existing approved 2019-2020 Road Fund M&O budget to cover the overage of \$214,538.05, and will transfer the funds accordingly to cover this contract.

▪ **Recommended Action**

Please approve this purchase and forward to the Executive and the Whatcom County Council for approval at the April 7, 2020 Whatcom County Council Meeting.

This agenda item is essential, because, if these pre-level contracts are not approved, Public Works-M&O will be unable to retain contractors to pursue this work in early-2020. This work is additionally necessary to be completed prior to M&O's summer road surface maintenance program including annual road chip sealing. Also due to some of the locations of this year's prelevel program on the Lummi Reservation, additional time is needed to secure the necessary TERO compliance permits.

Please contact Andy Bowler at extension 6417 or Gina Miller at extension 6423 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this agreement.

Enclosures

In Accordance with WCC 3.08.030, I concur with this recommendation.

Sara Winger, Purchasing Coordinator

Date