

Memorandum

To: City Council, Mayor, Bidders

From: Ingrid Gaub, Public Works Director _____
Signed

04/24/2024
Date

CC: Matt Larson, Senior Project Engineer
Jacob Sweeting, City Engineer/Assistant Director Engineering Services

Re: Reject All Bids for Public Works Contract 24-08, CP2123 – C Street SW Preservation

In accordance with Section 1-03 (Award and Execution of Contract) of the Contract Provisions and as allowed by Auburn City Code 3.12.040, all submitted bids associated with Project No. CP2123 – C Street SW Preservation are hereby rejected.

On February 22, 2024, bids were opened for this project and the City received six total bids. This project has federal funding, therefore per the Contract Provisions and the Bid Proposal Package, the award of the project is subject to meeting the Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and submission of proper documentation. During the proposal review process, the three lowest bid proposals were successively sent to WSDOT's Local Programs and WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR) for their review and concurrence to award the contract.

The three lowest bids were determined to be non-responsive by OECR for the following reasons:

- Incorrect calculation of DBE participation on the force account/estimate bid item, therefore not meeting the DBE goal.
- Mathematical error on the Bid Item Breakdown form leading to insufficient demonstrable DBE participation to meet or exceed the assigned DBE goal.
- DBE subcontractor does not have the NAICS code to count participation as listed in the work description.

The three remaining bids are 4% to 17% higher than the lowest bid and 18% to 33% higher than the Engineer's Estimate. In addition, the process for review by OECR has exceeded the timeframe that bidders are required to hold their bid prices in accordance with the contract provisions. Therefore, it is in the City's best interest to re-bid the project to obtain more competitive bids for the work and better compliance with the DBE requirements.

The City intends to rebid the project at a later date as allowed by Section 1-03 (Award and Execution of Contract) and Auburn City Code 3.12.040.

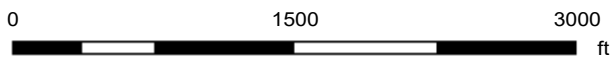
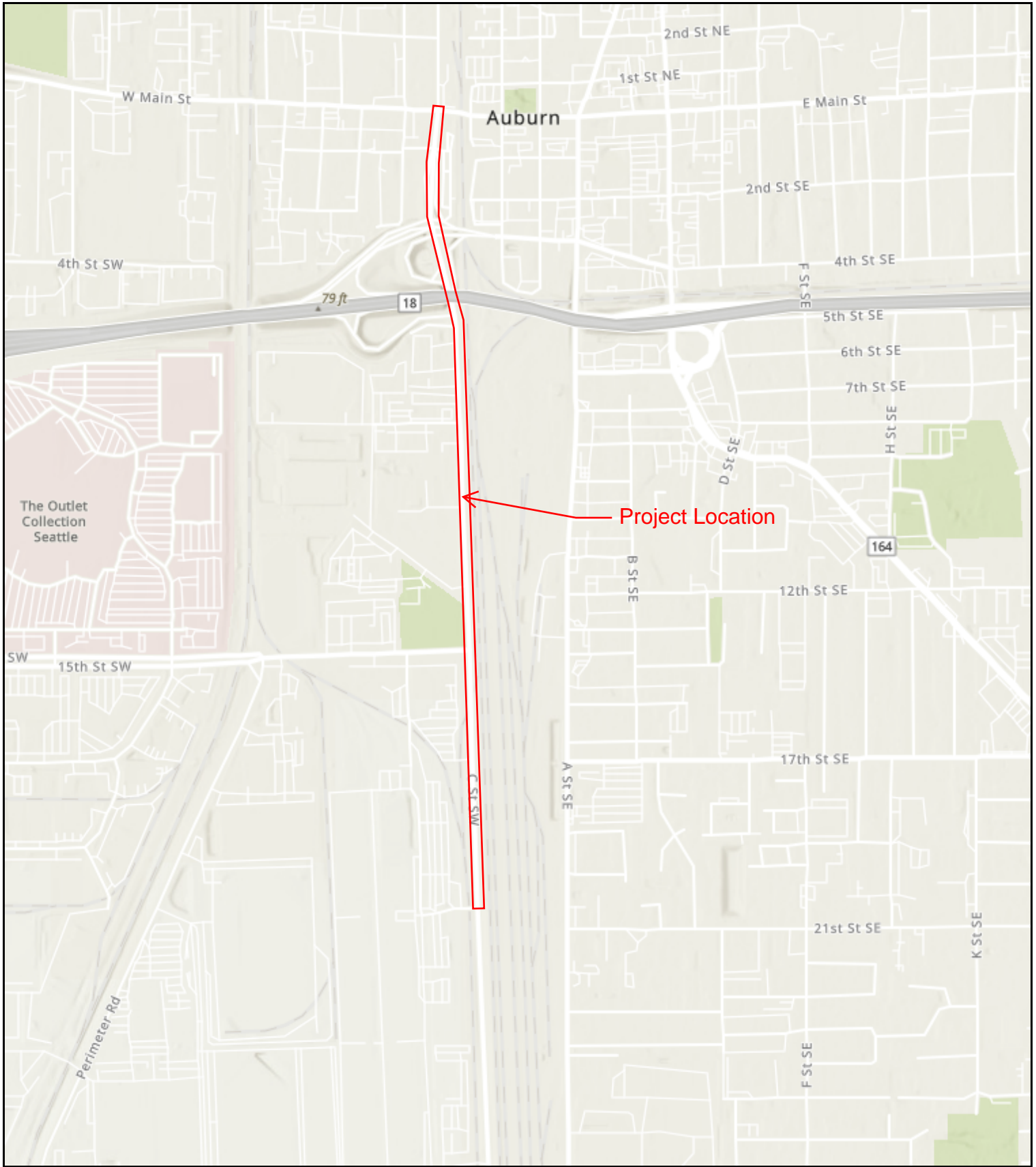
The C Street SW Preservation project includes grinding, repairing, and overlaying the roadway, upgrading curb ramps, replacing curb and gutter, replacing manholes and catch basin lids, installing traffic vehicle detection cameras and loops, and replacing watermain and appurtenances.

Enclosure(s): Vicinity Map

Vicinity Map

C Street SW Preservation - Main St. to GSA Signal (Colleen Rd)

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WGS84 Web Mercator (Auxiliary Sphere)

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