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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** Dave Snider, P.E., Interim Capital Projects Manager  
Ray Steiger, P.E., Interim Public Works Director  
**Date:** May 5, 2011  
**Subject:** 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SIDEWALK - AWARD CONTRACT

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council award the construction contract for the 12th Avenue Sidewalk Project to Reed Trucking and Excavating Inc., Puyallup, Washington, in the amount of \$178,256.00.

**BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project, located in the Norkirk Neighborhood, provides approximately 800 feet of new concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk and planter strip along a Peter Kirk Elementary school walk route (Attachment A).

In addition, the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project supports a number of neighborhood goals within the Kirkland Comprehensive Plan, including:

- 1) completion of a pedestrian walk route connecting the Highlands and Norkirk Neighborhoods;
- 2) protection and enhancement of the natural environment with improvements to existing wetland buffers near the eastern limits of the Project;
- 3) enhancement of the urban forest through the installation of new trees, both in an existing wetland buffer and along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and;
- 4) providing a public outreach opportunity through the placement of an educational sign near an existing stream and associated wetlands, thereby defining their critical functions and the importance of protecting the environment.

Funding for the Project comes from a combination of a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant funds, \$200,000, and local funds (Attachment B). With an engineer's estimate of \$227,000, staff advertised for contractor bids with the first ad appearing on April 13<sup>th</sup>; on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, five contractor bids were received. Reed Trucking and Excavating Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder, as shown below:

**BID RESULTS**

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
<b>Reed Trucking &amp; Excavation</b>	<b>\$178,256.00</b>
Taylor's Excavating	\$180,935.00
Kamins	\$184,756.09
Road NW Construction Inc	\$219,916.25
<i>Engineers Estimate</i>	<i>\$227,136.00</i>
Westwater Construction	\$280,931.00

The number of bidders for this project represents a recent trend showing that less and less contractors are bidding on projects than they were even one year ago. Other agencies contacted by staff indicate a similar reduction in the number of bidders. However, a comparison of the average and low cost per foot (Attachment C) indicates that bid prices are reflective of those of approximately 2005.

An award of the contract by City Council at their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting allows for a construction start immediately after school lets out for the summer; construction completion is anticipated by early fall, 2011. In advance of construction, Public Works staff will notify adjacent property owners through contacts with the Norkirk and Highlands Neighborhood Associations. Staff will also send a construction informational mailer directly to nearby residents providing Project timelines and pertinent contact information.

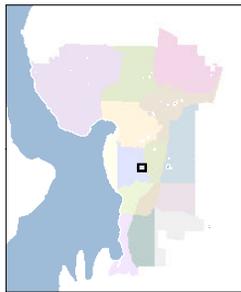
Attachments: (3)

**12th Avenue Sidewalk Improvements CNM-0066**

**MAP LEGEND**

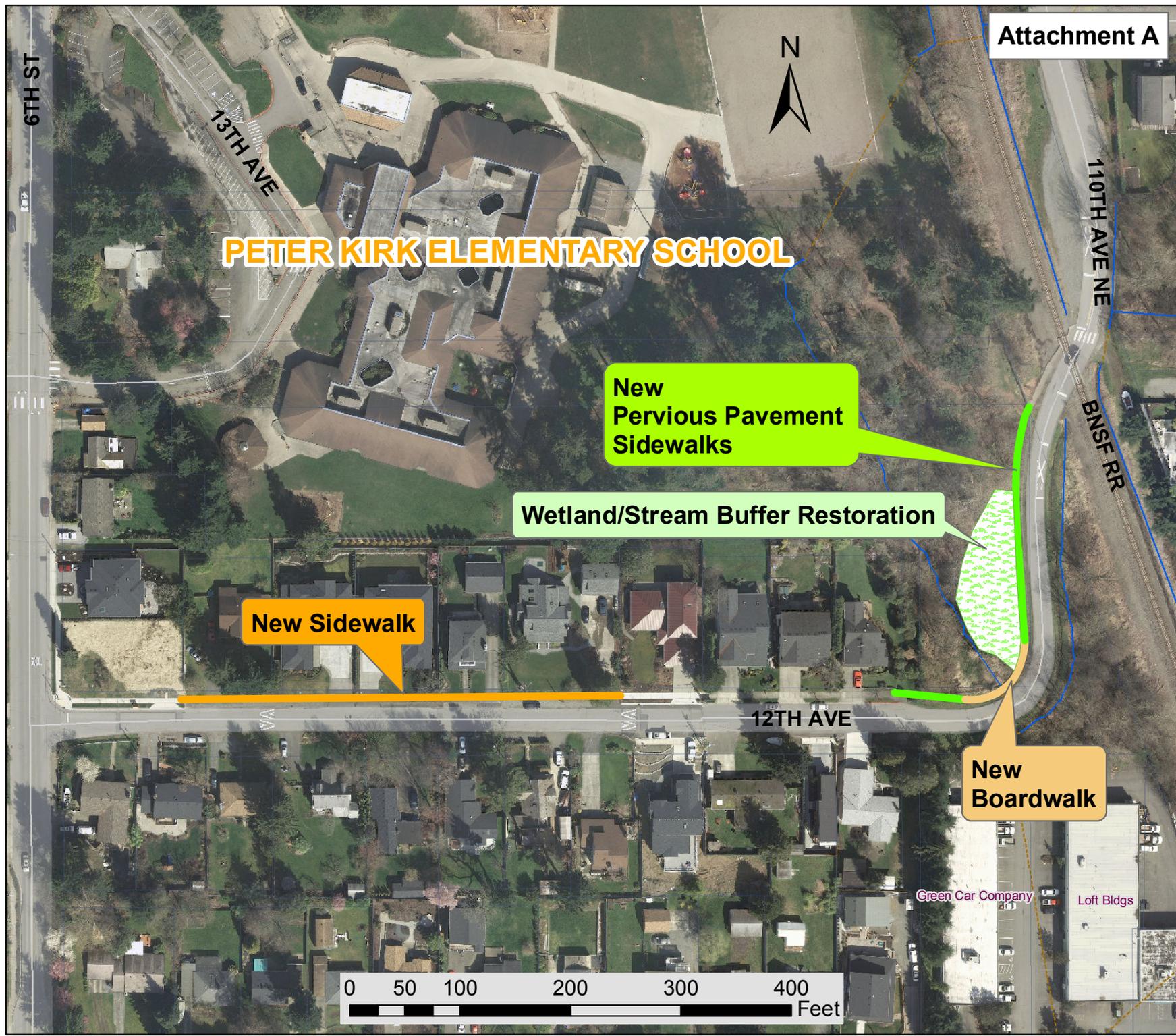
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- Open Streams
- Major Streets
- Railroad

- New Sidewalk**  
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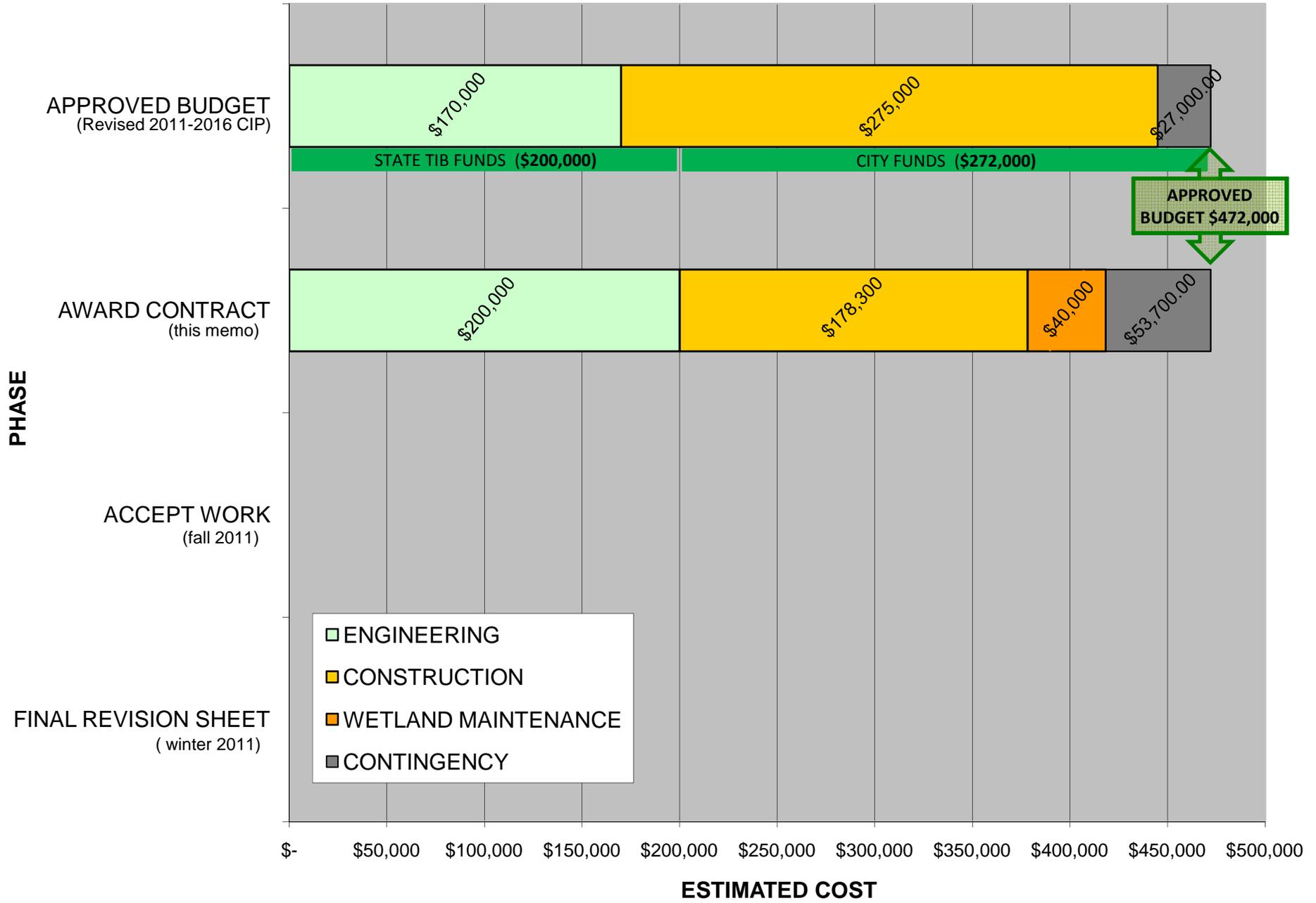
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Project Budget Report



# Historical Comparison of Sidewalk Bids

Attachment C

