



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Dave Snider, P.E., Interim Capital Projects Manager  
Ray Steiger, P.E., Public Works Director

**Date:** June 9, 2011

**Subject:** NE 68TH STREET AND 108<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS  
AWARD CONTRACT

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council award the contract for the construction of the NE 68<sup>th</sup> Street and 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Intersection Improvement Project to Sanders Construction of Maple Valley, Washington, in the amount of \$541,254.00.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

The NE 68th Street and 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Intersection Improvement Project will provide significant improvements to this key City intersection within the Central Houghton Neighborhood (Attachment A). The improvements include work on all four corners of the intersection with a new westbound to northbound right turn lane and other turning movement modifications to the remaining three corners. The Project also includes pedestrian enhancements by constructing wider sidewalks and providing new crosswalk amenities.

The Project funding is a combination of City transportation and surface water funds, and a Sound Transit contribution (Attachment B). Sound Transit's participation is related to the recently completed Downtown Transit Center and associated transit route enhancements; Sound Transit's contribution covers a portion of the overall signal improvements together with property acquisition and curb/sidewalk radius improvements for the southwest (Starbucks) corner of the intersection. The existing curb radius at this corner does not allow an eastbound articulated bus to safely turn southbound onto 108th Avenue NE without driving up and over the sidewalk.

At their regular meeting of April 6, 2010, City Council authorized the use of Eminent Domain as an aid in acquiring property rights for one of five parcels where additional right-of-way is required to complete the improvements. The negotiations with four of the property owners had reached a successful completion before that meeting; however, negotiations with one of the five property owners had reached an impasse. At their regular meeting of April 19, 2011, City Council was informed that negotiations with that fifth property owner were progressing well. With this memo, staff is able to report that the City has received the formal counter

appraisal of the fair-market value from the property owner which closely matches the City's most recent appraisal update. As a result, it is very likely that the matter will be resolved within a few weeks and at a final dollar amount that is well within the limit presented to City Council at their April 19, 2011 meeting. The City has received a signed Use and Necessity Agreement which allows for construction access while the final property matter is resolved.

With an engineer's estimate for construction of \$523,000, staff first advertised for contractor bids on May 23<sup>rd</sup>; on June 7, 2011, three contractor bids were received with Sanders General Construction, LLC being the lowest responsive bidder, as shown below:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid</b>
<i>Engineers Estimate</i>	<i>\$523,000.00</i>
<b>Sanders General Construction</b>	<b>\$541,254.00</b>
Road Construction NW	\$562,056.75
Westwater Construction	\$618,904.00

With the right-of-way process nearing completion, and by maintaining a reasonable construction contingency, sufficient funding is available for the Project. The City's share for the Project remains unchanged at \$1,162,000, and Sound Transit's level of participation is \$353,000, as shown on Attachment B.

An award of the construction contract by City Council at their June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will result in construction beginning in the summer, although in advance of the intersection improvements Puget Sound Energy will relocate power poles starting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, which is anticipated to take several weeks. Also, the signal pole procurement is a long lead bid item; meaning substantial completion is not expected until the last quarter of 2011.

Because of the proximity of the nearby Lakeview Elementary School, special measures are being required of the Contractor to safeguard students walking through the construction zone once school begins again in the fall. Pedestrian detours will be coordinated with crossing guards, and work operations will be coordinated around the beginning and completion of the school day. Since the Project includes a significant amount of sidewalk and ramp reconstruction, staff will ensure the contractor maintains safe travel for pedestrians throughout the work areas at all times.

Finally, in advance of the construction, Public Works staff will be notifying adjacent property and business owners with an informational mailing describing the Project. This information, along with a regularly updated construction schedule, will also be posted on the City's web site.

Attachments: (2)



Vicinity Map



Legend

# Map Reference Number



**NE 68th St / 108th Ave NE Intersection Improvement Project**

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PROJECT BUDGET REPORT

