April 22, 2025

Board of Public Works and Safety

10 S. State Street

Greenfield, IN 46140

Re: 2025-1 Community Crossings Grant

Bid Evaluation, Award and Notice to Proceed

Dear Members,

At the April 8, 2025 meeting, the Board opened bids for the 2025-1 Community Crossings Grant. Six bids were received, and Engineering Staff has reviewed and evaluated the bids.

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| Bidder | Total Amount |
| E&B Paving, LLC | $1,653,605.11\* |
| Howard Asphalt. LLC | $1,701,132.17 |
| Baumgartner & Company, LLC | $1,732,486.35 |
| Midwest Paving, Inc. | $1,733,669.60\* |
| All Star Paving, Inc. | $1,948,266.90 |
| Paul H. Rohe., Inc. | $2,385,839.25 |

. *\* Corrected Bids. Corrections are highlighted yellow on the attached Bid Tabulation*

Discussion on Corrections:

**E&B Paving, LLC:** The bid consisted of 29 road segments and two addendums were issued during the bidding process. To conform with INDOT requirements, Addendum No. 2 replaced one unit-price sheet for the entirety of the 29 segments to twenty-nine unit-price sheets. E&B Paving did not acknowledge Addendum No. 2 and submitted their bid using the one unit-price sheet for the entirety of the project. All other bidders used identical pricing on all sheets for each unit-price (ie $1.70/sys for item 2- Milling Asphalt was the same unit price used for all 29 segments, no matter the quantity) so this method was assumed for E&B Paving. The total price remained unchanged from what was read at the meeting.

**Midwest Paving, Inc.:** On four of the seventeen segments, some mathematical and clerical errors were found. When there is a conflict, the unit-price is used to correct the math. Some errors were conflicting total costs (in numbers) and total cost (in words). These small errors resulted a bid from a submitted $1,733,449.35 to a corrected $1,733,669.60 resulting in an additional $220.25.

In the bidding documents- Invitation to Bidders, section 7. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD, paragraph 7.1 *Award of the Contract will be made to the lowest, responsive and responsible Bidder, where the Bid is reasonable and does not exceed the funds available for the project.* ***The Owner reserves the right to reject all Bids and may waive or allow a Bidder to correct errors, omissions or other irregularities*** *in Bid Documents that are found not to have afforded the Bidder a substantial competitive advantage over other Bidders.* [emphasis added] E&B Paving has since provided a letter acknowledging the Addendum 2 and that the submitted unit prices may be transferred to all segments indicated in Addendum 2.

INDOT’s 50% grant of $1,026,516 (total project $2,053,032) exceeds the E&B Paving’s bid of $1,653,605.11.

E&B Paving has performed other projects for the City in the past and have been found to be a qualified firm with quality workmanship.

**As such, Staff recommends that the Board:**

* **Waive irregularities in E&B Paving, LLC’s bid;**
* **Award the 2025-1 Community Crossings Grant project to E&B Paving, LLC for $1,653,605.11;**
* **Authorize Staff to execute an agreement upon receipt of performance bonds and other commitments outlined in the contract documents;**
* **And authorize Staff to issue a notice to proceed when an acceptable schedule has been approved (by Staff).**

Tyler Rankins

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Attachments: E&B Paving LLC letter (undated) re Additional Bid Form unit prices

Bid Tabulation