

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Jesse DiTommaso, Economic Development Coordinator
David Fine, Economic Development Manager
Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Notice of Award and Associated Construction Documents with Montana Lines for City of Bozeman Pedestrian Crossing & Lighting Projects: North 7th Avenue Pedestrian Crossing, 5th Avenue Pedestrian Lighting, and Main Street Lighting Packages 2 & 3

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Agreement - Vendor/Contract

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to sign a notice of award and associated construction documents with Montana Lines for City of Bozeman Pedestrian Crossing & Lighting Projects: North 7th Avenue Pedestrian Crossing, 5th Avenue Pedestrian Lighting, and Main Street Lighting Packages 2 & 3.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 2.2 Infrastructure Investments: Strategically invest in infrastructure as a mechanism to encourage economic development.

BACKGROUND: The Midtown Bozeman Action Plan calls for strategic investment in public infrastructure to further the goals of the District. One of the major goals of the Midtown District is to improve and encourage multimodal transportation.

In FY25 & FY26, Sanbell designed a pedestrian crossing at North 7th Avenue and Aspen Street and pedestrian scale lighting on North 5th Avenue. Sanbell worked with the Downtown Urban Renewal District and Midtown Urban Renewal District on lighting packages that connect the two Districts.

In December 2025, the City Commission approved task Order 12 with Sanbell, which combined four lighting projects for construction administration, bidding services, and inspection as outlined in the attached scope of work. North 7th Avenue Ped Crossing (Task Order URD #008) 5th Avenue Pedestrian Lighting (Task Order MID 23-001) Main Street Lighting Package 2 (Task Order URD #003) Main Street Lighting Package 3 (Task Order URD #003). The projects were combined to streamline the work, reduce the overall cost, and encourage more responses to the bid.

The bid opening took place on May 15, 2026. One bid was received from Montana Lines, Inc. The bid was above the engineer's opinion of probable

cost. Elevated prices in the light poles, luminaires, and concrete created the majority of overrun. Please see the attached bid award recommendation for a more detailed summary of costs. Staff recommends moving forward with the Notice of Award.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As recommended by the City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: \$965,2553.70. Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 will be paid for by the Midtown Urban Renewal District. As Schedule 3 crosses through the Downtown and Midtown, it will be paid for equally by both Districts. Schedule 4 will be paid for by the Downtown Urban Renewal District. The total amount for Midtown will be \$660,905.20. The total amount for the Downtown Urban Renewal District will be \$304,303.50.

Attachments:

[Notice of](#)

[Award_Pedestrian_Crossing_Lighting_Projects_051926.pdf](#)

[Bozeman_Pedestrian_Crossing_Lighting_Projects_Recommen](#)

Report compiled on: May 18, 2026