

CITY COUNCIL 12.F

CITY OF LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Resolution: Poplar Way Bridge

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Nicholas Barnett, Public Works

SUMMARY:

Adoption of a resolution rejecting the lowest bidder OMA Construction due to an unresponsive/unbalanced bid and award to the second low bidder, Max J Kuney, for the Poplar Way Bridge Project.

PRESENTER:

Nicholas Barnett, Engineering Manager and David Mach, City Engineer

ESTIMATED TIME:

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BACKGROUND:

For project background information, see Poplar Bridge briefing memo item.

The city opened bids for this project on December 9th, 2025. Seven bids were received which ranged between \$42.9M to \$61.7M. The engineer's estimate was \$43.7M. Staff has reviewed the low bid and has determined that it is unresponsive and unbalanced, staff recommends city Council to reject the low bid and award the contract to the second low bidder. The second lowest bidder is Max J. Kuney and their bid amount is \$44,465,995. The resolution, if adopted, authorizes this amount plus an additional contingency of approximately 10% (\$4,500,000) for a combined total of \$49,465,995. It is common to budget between 10% to 15% for miscellaneous construction changes which may occur such as quantity changes, potential unforeseen conditions, adjustments to traffic control to ease congestion, errors in the bidding documents or other changes.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt resolution _____, a resolution rejecting lowest bidder and choosing second lowest bidder for award of contract for Connecting Lynnwood: Poplar Way Bridge Bid #3902.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Ordinance #2889, Establishing the project Financial Plan and awarding Phase 1 design.
Ordinance #2964, Updating the project Financial Plan and awarding Phase 2 design.
Ordinance #3056, Updating the project Financial Plan due to 30% PS&E comments.
Ordinance #3144, Updating the project Financial Plan due to 60% PS&E comments.
Ordinance #3157, Updating the project Financial Plan due to beginning ROW Phase.

Business Meeting July 23, 2018, Item 90.1B ROW Property Purchase Agreement(s): Poplar Way Extension Bridge
Business Meeting October 10, 2022 Item 11E Consultant Contract Supplement: Poplar Way Extension Bridge
Business Meeting January 22, 2024 Item 10C Consultant Contract Supplement: Poplar Way Extension Bridge
Business Meeting August 9, 2024 Item 11I Consultant Contract Supplement: Poplar Way Extension Bridge
Business Meeting October 13, 2025 Item 11G Consultant Contract Supplement: Connecting Lynnwood Poplar Way Bridge
Business Meeting December 8, 2025 Item 12H Consultant Contract Supplement: Connecting Lynnwood Poplar Way Bridge

FUNDING:

The project costs are consistent with the adopted 2025-26 biennial budget and are anticipated to be consistent with future budgets. There are no general funds assigned to the project.

Fund 325/324; Project Fund
Fund 412; Utility Fund
Fund 331; REET1 Fund
Fund 330; REET 2 Fund
Fund 110; Traffic Impact Fund
Fund 150; Transportation Benefit District Fund
Fund 020; Economic Development Fund (EDIF)
Federal IMD Grant
Federal STP Grant
Federal STB Grant
Federal RAISE Grant
State Transportation Bill
Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant

VISIONS AND PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

The Lynnwood Community Vision states that the City is to “be a welcoming city that builds a healthy and sustainable environment.” The Connecting Lynnwood: Poplar Way Bridge project supports that vision and results in an important improvement to the City’s infrastructure that links City of Lynnwood programs, policies, comprehensive plans, mission, and ultimately the Community Vision. The project is a supporting capital project that is listed specifically in the City of Lynnwood 6 Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Capital Facilities Plan (ST2006088A). Furthermore, this project meets the goal of providing necessary street capacity in support of the City Center expansion as well as providing overall capacity for the I5 corridor, as was analyzed in the I5 Access Study.

DEPARTMENT ATTACHMENTS

Description:

[Resolution1.pdf](#)