



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Contract with S.L. Contracting and State Grant Agreement for the Intersection Improvements at 65 St NW and Fairway Dr NW Project - Project No. J7355

MEETING DATE:

May 18, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Public Works

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Dillon Dombrovski

Action Requested:

1. Adopting a Resolution awarding a contract to S.L. Contracting in the amount of \$519,937.40 for the Intersection Improvements at 65 St NW and Fairway Dr NW Project - Project No. J7355 and;
2. Adopting a Resolution approving the terms and conditions for the State of Minnesota Local Road Improvement Program Grant Agreement.

Report Narrative:

The Intersection Improvements at 65 St NW and Fairway Dr NW Project are planned for construction in 2026 (Project No. J7355). Following the reconstruction of 65th St NW a few years ago, speeding continues to be observed in this location. The Public Works engineering team evaluated safety mitigation measures to help reduce speeding and improve safety along the corridor. The mini roundabout project enhances overall safety by slowing traffic, which can reduce the severity and likelihood of crashes; reduce the number of potential conflict points at that intersection from 32 down to 8; and improve pedestrian safety.

The project was advertised in the Post Bulletin, and the following four bids were received before the 11:00 a.m. deadline on April 23, 2026:

S.L. Contracting

- Bid Total: \$519,937.40
- 15.17% under Engineer's Estimate

Rochester Sand & Gravel, A Division of Mathy Construction

- Bid Total: \$540,331.42
- 11.84% under Engineer's Estimate

ICON, LLC

- Bid Total: \$561,014.00
- 8.46% under Engineer's Estimate

Elcor Construction, Inc.

- Bid Total: \$736,645.00
- 20.19% over Engineer's Estimate

The Engineer's Estimate for the construction cost of this project was \$612,891.

Public Works recommends the contract be awarded to the apparent low bidder, S.L. Contracting, in the amount of \$519,937.40. Construction is slated to begin June 8, 2026, and will be substantially complete by August 14, 2026. This timeframe for construction runs concurrent with Rochester Public Schools summer break.

The Local Road Improvement Project (LRIP) Grant amount is \$144,750 and will be distributed in two installments. The first installment will be prior to July 1, 2026. The second installment will be after July 1, 2026. The Grant Agreement is attached to this RCA. These funds come from the traffic calming funds provided by the legislature during the 2025 legislative session for Cities of the First Class.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Fiscal Responsibility & Sustainability
Public Safety

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

The proposed project is consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy. A roundabout is not only the safest option, but it also will help reduce speeds on the corridor, creating a safer intersection for all users. The roundabout will satisfy the traffic service standards identified in the City's Engineering Standards, both with existing traffic volumes and expected future development near the intersection.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

February 23, 2022: Council Meeting - Contract Award for 65th ST NW Reconstruction Projects - Project No. J9852 and J9853

August 18, 2025: Council Meeting - Contract with SRF Consulting Group for Professional Services for 65th St NW and Fairway Dr Design, 51st St NW Traffic Calming Design, Civic Center Dr Intersection Control Evaluation Report, and 55th St NW and 50th Ave NW Intersection Control Evaluation Report
March 16, 2026: Council Meeting - Authorizing the advertisement for bids for J7355

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

The total project cost, including construction administration, inspection, and contingencies, is \$649,921.75. The total project cost does not include design expenses, which were covered by SRF Consulting in lieu of payment for an error in the original 65th Street NW design.

The funding breakdown for this project includes \$505,171.75 in Municipal State Aid (MSAS) funds and \$144,750 in LRIP Grant funds.

Alternative Action(s):

There are no alternative actions recommended at this time.

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Attachments:

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[Standard Form of Contract - Intersection Improvements 65 ST NW and Fairway Dr NW - Project No. J7355 \(ADA\)](#)

[Exhibit - Project Budget Data \(ADA\)](#)

[Grant Agreement - Project No. J7355 SP 159-159-002](#)

[Resolution - LRIP Grant Agreement - Project No. J7355 SP 159-159-002](#)

Resolution - Intersection Improvements at 65 ST NW and Fairway Dr NW - Project No. J7355 (ADA)

Map - Project Location Map