

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Stephanie Smith , City engineer
DATE: September 2, 2025
SUBJECT: Receive bids and award contract for the 2025 County Road I boardwalk replacement, city project 25-04 to the lowest responsible bidder, Grit Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$806,776.00.
ITEM NUMBER: 8.g
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To adopt resolution 25-66, receiving bids and award contract for the 2025 County Road I boardwalk replacement, city project 25-04.

INTRODUCTION

The city's 2025 capital improvement plan includes funding for the replacement of the boardwalk on County Road I between Lexington Avenue and Chatsworth Street. At the July 21, 2025 meeting, the city council approved the plans and specifications and ordered the advertisement for bids for 2025 County Road I boardwalk replacement, city project 25-04. Electronic bids were received and publicly opened on August 20, 2025. Council action is needed to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

DISCUSSION

The boardwalk on County Road I, between Lexington Avenue and Chatsworth Street, is near the end of its usable life. Reconstruction of the boardwalk is anticipated to include upgrades to improve the accessibility and ease of maintenance. Shoreview's infrastructure replacement plan and capital improvement program include replacing the boardwalk. Improvements will include replacement of the foundation support system, widening the walk, upgrading the railings and connection to the paved trail. The project is led by the City of Shoreview, in partnership with Ramsey County Public Works, which is contributing funding to the project.

During the design process, poor soils for construction have been identified in the wetland area that the boardwalk crosses over. The depth of these soils is 40 feet in areas, which will require deeper helical pilings for the foundations than originally anticipated. The cost of the foundations along with the accessibility upgrades for the additional boardwalk width and railing have contributed to a cost increase in the project.

Ramsey county committed to \$100,000 in funding to the project through their locally-led project solicitation. This program invites cities to apply for county funding of projects within the county system that are a priority for the city. The project design and construction are led by the city, with the county as a funding partner. City staff is currently in discussion with the county to split the cost increase evenly, which would result in a county funding total of

approximately \$253,000.

The proposed capital improvement program designates \$850,000 in funding for the 2025 County Road I boardwalk replacement. Anticipated funding sources are listed below:

- \$620,000 capital asset replacement fund
- \$253,000 Ramsey County Public Works

Electronic bids were received and publicly opened on August 20, 2025. Nine bids were received and reviewed by the city's consultant BMI and city staff. The bids and the engineer's estimate of cost are tabulated below:

Contractor	Bid Received
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$ 777,205.00
Grit Contracting	\$ 806,776.00
Peterson Companies	\$ 848,866.30
Blakeborough Hardscapes	\$ 869,760.00
Rosti Construction	\$ 893,085.00
Sunram Construction	\$ 951,148.00
MN Boardwalks	\$ 982,025.00
Pember Companies	\$1,006,002.80
JTS Construction	\$1,190,065.00
Urban Companies	\$1,269,945.00

Grit Contracting, LLC is the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$806,776.00. While their bid is 3.8% over the engineer's estimate, due to the large number of bids received and the lowest 4, being within 10.6% of each other, staff determined the low bid is competitive and recommends awarding the contract to Grit Contracting, LLC.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the city council adopt the attached resolution 25-66, receiving bids and award contract for the 2025 County Road I boardwalk replacement, city project 25-04, to the lowest responsible bidder, Grit Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$806,776.00.

ATTACHMENTS

[Project Map](#)

[Resolution 25-66 Accepting Bids and Award Contract County Road I Boardwalk Replacement 25-04](#)