

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting Date: 04/16/26 Business Item: ROUTINE BUSINESS Item Number: **4A**

Division: Superintendent's Office

Originating Source: Boe Carlson, Superintendent

Agenda Item: Award of Construction Contract for the Medicine Lake Regional Trail Repair Project in Maple Grove, MN

Superintendent's Recommendation:

MOTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE MEDICINE LAKE REGIONAL TRAIL REPAIR PROJECT IN MAPLE GROVE, MN TO ALLIED BLACKTOP CO. IN THE TOTAL BASE BID AMOUNT OF \$113,410.00 AND TO ESTABLISH A TOTAL CONSTRUCTION BUDGET OF \$124,751.00 INCLUDING A TEN PERCENT CONTINGENCY, WITH FINANCING FROM THE 2024 AND 2026 ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.

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Background:

The Medicine Lake Regional Trail Repair Project is intended to address areas of settlement, root intrusion, and general surface irregularities along designated segments of the trail. These repairs are planned in advance of a microsurfacing project scheduled for summer 2026, which will further enhance the trail's overall serviceability and ride quality (**See attached Project Location map**).

Quotation Results:

The Engineer's estimate of the project was below the District's threshold for a formal bid, therefore quotations were obtained through the Park District's informal quotation process which requires that we solicit a minimum of 2 quotes. Quotations were solicited from eleven (11) contractors for the project. Construction documents were issued on March 9, 2026. Quotes for this work were received on March 20, 2026. From the eleven (11) contractors solicited, three (3) submitted quotes (**See attached Quote listing**).

The low quote is submitted by Allied Blacktop, Co. from Maple Grove, MN with a total quotation amount of \$113,410.00. A second contractor provided a comparable quote for this work, indicating that the pricing received is consistent with current market rates and considered reasonable. The Engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is \$160,000.

The construction contract is based upon unit prices and offers flexibility to increase and decrease quantities of work for pay items listed on the quotation form. The final contract amount may be more or less than the original contract amount.

Park District staff have confirmed that Allied Blacktop, Co. has submitted the lowest responsive and responsible quote and has met the minimum contract requirements for this project.

Construction Administration Services:

Three Rivers Park District Department of Design staff will provide construction administration services for the project.

Quotation Evaluation:

Some quotes come in lower than expected, while others come in higher. Each year, staff revises expected project costs for projects in the CIP to reflect the most recent quote information on similar projects.

The two low quoters were relatively close in value, which tells us significant time and effort was spent preparing the quotes, and that the plans were clear and concise. Recent discussions with contractors indicate that cities and counties are expected to have a similar volume of construction projects in 2026 as in 2025. Private development activity has also remained steady, continuing to place consistent demand on the industry. Additionally, due to wet weather this past season, some multi-year projects originally scheduled for 2025 are anticipated to carry over into 2026.

While overall contractor workload appears comparable to 2025, demand for materials and labor remains steady. Based on current conditions, construction costs in 2026 are anticipated to remain elevated and may see modest increases over previous years.

Proposed Schedule:

Construction is scheduled to commence no later than June 1, 2026, subject to receipt of the contractor's proposed schedule and favorable weather conditions. The construction contract requires work to be substantially complete by June 30, 2026.

Impacts to Public Services:

With the exception of the increased noise, debris, and temporary traffic delays typically associated with construction activity, impacts to public services will be minimal.

Public Communications Approach:

The public communications plan, following board award of the construction contract, is as follows:

- Signs notifying the public of construction will be placed in strategic and highly visible locations prior to construction.
- Three Rivers will include information and construction updates on the Park District's website.

Relationship to the System Plan:

The Request for Action supports the following goal(s) of the System Plan:

Goal 1: You Belong Here
Goal 2: Parks Matter
Goal 3: Lead by Example

Attachments:

[Med Lk Board Map.pdf](#)
[20260320_MedicineLakeRT_PreRepairs.pdf](#)