



April 22, 2022

TO: Council President
City Council Members

FROM: Jeff Baumann, Public Works Director

CC: Council Appointees

THROUGH: Rob Hillard, City Manager

SUBJECT: South Main and East Hamilton Sidewalk Infill Project

Purpose and Recommendation

The Public Works Department has developed plans and specifications to construct new sidewalks on the east side of South Main St. from the (former) Quick & Delicious property, south to East Hamilton and east on the north side of East Hamilton to connect to the existing sidewalk near Welcome Nursing Home. Bids were opened on Monday, April 18th. We recommend that City Council award this contract to the lowest and best bidder, Irvin’s, Inc. of Amherst, Ohio in the not-to-exceed amount of \$118,460.50.

Background and Discussion

On June 7, 2021 after an 18-month planning period, Oberlin City Council adopted the City’s Active Transportation Plan. This process included the identification of all potential sidewalk improvement projects and the prioritization of key projects over the next 5 years. The City’s plan is summarized in the table, below:

Project Description	2022				2023				2024				2025				2026			
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
North Park to School, East MultiUse Trail	\$249,000																			
South Main & East Hamilton		\$76,875																		
SR58 to US20 to Walmart Dr.					\$717,566															
All SRTS, incl North Park West Sidewalk									\$639,688											
SR58 Maple to Butternut													\$347,167							

The City’s planning process went hand-in-hand with the School District’s development of their School Travel Plan. These efforts are intended to support and encourage walking and biking as a healthy, safe, convenient and environmentally responsible transportation choice.

In 2022, the City budgeted for this South Main/East Hamilton Sidewalk Infill Project and also to develop a multi-use trail on the east side of North Park St., from East Lorain north to the new School District campus. It is our intent to move the North Park project to 2023 while we work on right-of-way acquisition with the property owners and to allow for improved coordination with OMLPS' traffic signal project at the intersection.

The South Main and East Hamilton sidewalk project is ready to move ahead. The work includes the construction of new 5' wide, 4" thick concrete sidewalks. At Main St. Antiques and all driveway crossings, concrete will be 6" thick with welded wire reinforcement. New accessible ramps will be installed on the NE and NW corners of South Main and the Lincoln/Smith St. intersection including new crosswalks. New sidewalk across the west frontage of 337 South Main will connect to existing sidewalk in front of 347, 357 and 367 South Main. Between 367 and 381, the sidewalk will jog slightly west to avoid existing utility poles. At 413 South Main, foundations will be poured on either side of Evans Ditch to accommodate the existing storm sewer outlet and to support the sidewalk. Decorative railing will be procured for installation by the contractor. At East Hamilton, a new accessible ramp will be installed at the NE corner along with a crosswalk on the north leg of the South Main/Hamilton intersection. About 310' of new sidewalk will be installed along East Hamilton to complete the link. In total about 1,300 LF of new sidewalk will be installed. A project schematic is attached.

We received 3 bids (bid tab attached) and summarized below:

Bidder	Base Bid
Irvin's Inc.	\$118,460.50
RMH Concrete	\$135,567.40
D.L. Smith Concrete	\$178,426.00

City Engineer Randall Robert's construction cost estimate for this project was \$181,714. As a Lorain County-based contractor, Irvin's is considered a local bidder in accordance with the City's local bidder preference ordinance. Since they are already the low bidder, the 2% bid discount does not change the bid results. We've worked with Irvin's owner on prior projects and we're confident they will do a good job.

Fiscal Impact

The City budgeted \$76,875 from the Income Tax Capital Improvement Fund 112 for this project. Our planning budget was based on a preliminary assessment of the total running length of sidewalk for the project but did not include accessible ramps, crosswalks, the Evans Ditch crossing, sign relocation and installation, etc. Nor did it include more recent economic impacts including supply chain delays, rising fuel costs, labor shortages and inflation. However, as a result of postponing the proposed multi-use trail along North Park St., adequate funding is available in the 2022 Income Tax Capital Improvement Fund budget to make up the difference between the budgeted amount and the proposed contract amount.

Consultation

This project has been developed by City Engineer Randall Roberts and Engineering Tech Jordan Irvin. As with the Johnston Path project, the proposed South Main and East Hamilton Sidewalk Infill Project is not as simple and straightforward as it appears at first glance. I'd like to commend Randall and Jordan for diligently working through a number of design challenges.

Administrative Coordinator Diane Ramos has reviewed the EEO submittals from each bidder, please see attached. Authorizing legislation has been forwarded to Law Director Jon Clark for review and approval.

At the end of March, the Public Works Department sent out a project notification letter to property owners along South Main and East Hamilton to alert them to the planned sidewalk construction. As of today's date, no residents have contacted us to discuss the project.

Conclusion

The Public Works Department recommends that City Council accept the bid of Irvin's, Inc. of Amherst, OH in the amount of \$118,460.50. We further request that this contract be awarded on an emergency basis at the May 2nd, City Council meeting to accept the bid within the time limitations provided by law.