

**EVALUATION OF BID  
PROPOSALS**

FOR: TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT TULARE AND "Q" STREETS

Bid File No.3732  
Bid Opening:  
4/7/20

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<b><u>BIDDERS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL NET BID AMOUNT</u></b>
1. Cal Valley Construction Inc. 5125 N. Gates Ave. Suite 102 Fresno, CA 93722	\$677,490.00
2. American Paving Co. PO Box 4328 Fresno, CA 93744	\$685,834.00
3. Avison Construction Inc. Brickyard Drive Madera, CA 93636	\$697,260.00
4. Dawson-Mauldin LLC 1071 E. Nebraska Selma, CA 93662	\$700,188.00

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Each bidder has agreed to allow the City sixty-four (64) days from date bids are opened to accept or reject their bid proposal. Purchasing requests that you complete the following sections and return this bid evaluation to the Purchasing Division at the latest by Monday, April 27, 2020, 5:00 P.M.

The Budget Allocation for this expenditure is \$482,900. The contract price is 40% above the Budget Allocation. If the overage is greater than 10% or only one bid was received, give explanation

An explanation is provided in the Department Conclusions and Recommendation, below.

**BACKGROUND OF PROJECT** (To be completed by Evaluating Department/Division. Explain need for project/equipment):

This Tulare and Q Street Improvements was initiated in FY18 when the project was budgeted using local funds within Council District 3. The design commenced following Council approval; preliminary engineering design and project management took approximately three years.

The scope of the project includes the removal of the existing unsignalized midblock pedestrian crosswalk along Tulare Street between Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Corporation railroad and R Street, the construction of a Traffic Signal at Tulare Street and Q Street to provide a safe location for pedestrians to cross Tulare Street, the reconstruction of all

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accessible ramps within the project limits, the extension of railroad concrete panels at the intersection to provide an extended walking surface for pedestrians crossing the BNSF railroad, and pavement striping and signage. The City has received approval for this construction from BNSF by receipt of an Interconnected Crossing Review Report that was prepared by a consultant on behalf of the City of the Fresno. The crossing report provided guidance for the design of the traffic signal which then received approval from the California Public Utilities Commission by way of a General Order 88-B. Public Works Department staff prepared all the construction documents for the project.

**DEPARTMENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:**

Award a contract in the amount of to as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Remarks:

Reject all bids. Reason:

Staff evaluated all bid submissions and has concluded that bids received for this project are not only significantly higher than anticipated, they do not fall in line with past bids for similar projects. Public Works has recently put a number of traffic signal projects out to bid, all of which came in higher than anticipated, most likely due to conditions surrounding the COVID pandemic and shelter-in-place; this project, at approximately 40% more than the latest engineer's estimate, is abnormally high among the group. To obtain a successful bid, staff will reevaluate the construction scope, industry conditions and contract requirements to ensure a successful rebid. Staff recommends that Council reject all bids and direct staff to rebid the project.

Department Head Approval

*Ruth*

Title Assistant Director

Date 5/13/2020

Approve Dept. Recommendation  Approve Recommendation

Finance/Purchasing

Disapprove

Disapprove

See Attachment

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER

*M. Speral* 05/15/2020  
Purchasing Manager Date

*[Signature]* 5/20/20  
City Manager or Designee Date

*M. Wilson* 5/15/20  
Finance Director Date