

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: February 09, 2015

Subject: **Discussion of a Unit Price Contract for Sidewalk Construction**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Discussion of a unit price contract for sidewalk and minor road construction

BACKGROUND

The city has had good success efficiently delivering high quality storm water repairs and improvements through a unit price contracting arrangement, and seeks to replicate this success for sidewalk and small road construction projects. Under a unit price agreement, each project will be negotiated with one of the selected contractors based on the estimated quantities and the contract unit prices for each item. Having gone through a pre-qualification process each contractor will have a good understanding of the city's expectations for quality and promptness required for each project. Additionally, with a contract already in place the city can move more quickly from design to construction.

A request for proposals has been advertised and proposals will be opened on Tuesday, February 10th. A recommendation for contract award will be presented to the council at the work session on February 23rd for a possible vote at the council meeting on that same date.