



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: January 10, 2023

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Bids for the South Ocean Drive Bridge Replacement
Project, Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 12408-623 - (**Commission District 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all bids received in response to Invitation for Bids (ITB) No. 12408-623 for the South Ocean Drive Bridge Replacement Project.

Background

On May 25, 2022, the Procurement Division advertised ITB No. 12408-623 for the South Ocean Drive Bridge Replacement Project. The original engineer's estimate for the project was \$2,176,936. The City received two bids on July 7, 2022, for the South Ocean Drive Bridge Replacement Project as follows:

- Interstate Construction, LLC - \$3,620,995 (not including allowance)
- Kiewit Infrastructure South Co. - \$4,901,309 (not including allowance)

Staff recommends all bids be rejected for the following reasons:

- Based upon unit costs from other recent projects, the cost of construction should remain around \$2,176,936.
- The bid received from the lowest bidder is more than 66% above the original engineering estimate.
- After staff's review of submitted bids, they concluded that rejecting the bids will allow the City to clarify any ambiguity in regard to the project scope.
- The lowest bidder declined the City's request for a price hold extension beyond the 120 days bid validity period until bid award, and cited inflation as a major contributing factor in its decision. As the project is being partially funded by the Broward County Transportation Surtax there were additional review and coordination considerations that impacted the project timeline.

Based on the above, the bid variation and the bidders exceeding the engineer's estimate by \$1,444,059, staff recommends rejection of all bids and to re-bid the project.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road, and bridge infrastructure.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 2: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 2 - Interstate Construction Denial Letter

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