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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Peter C. Daniels, P.E., City Engineer

DATE: October 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Sole Source Contract Amendment for Crowley Construction Corp.

This letter is to recommend the sole source hiring of Crowley Construction Corp. to install the new pavement marking on Burnham Street as part of the Burnham Pointe Better Block project.

The City Engineering Department advertised for bids on this project in the Daily Reporter newspaper on July 17 and 24, 2020 and also advertised online through the Quest bidding website in order to obtain bids. But at the bid opening on July 29, 2020 the City did not receive any bids for this work.

Since the City received no bids, the City solicited a proposal from Crowley Construction Corp. to perform the work. Crowley Construction Corp. submitted a proposal of \$50,118.00. Crowley Construction Corp. is located at S. 54th St. and W. Burnham St. in the very same neighborhood as the Burnham Pointe project in the City of West Allis. Crowley Construction Corp. is also a DBE, SBE, and WBE, in addition to being a local company in the City of West Allis. Crowley Construction Corp. also has extensive experience in the City of Milwaukee doing the exact same type of pavement marking the City is interested in performing on Burnham Street.

The site chosen for the Better Block project was at the intersection of Burnham Street and 60th Street. During the survey period, it was observed that traffic safety was an important topic among community members who noted high traffic speeds along 60th Street. The intersection of 60th and Burnham was designed to prioritize traffic rather than the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, deterring people from enjoying the space.

But the community survey results indicated that neighbors saw the need for more gathering spaces and alterations to the overall aesthetic in the area. The intersection already had a lot going for it, with the popular restaurants, a gallery, a barbershop, and more, and just needed some fine-tuning to turn it into a destination area where people chose to visit and explore.

Therefore five-foot wide bike lanes will be added against the curb on Burnham Street and seven-foot wide bump-outs on the outside of the bike lane will be installed to provide a buffer for pedestrians and cyclists from the traffic. By painting these bump-outs in bright colors, the bump-outs will become more visible and clearly designate people spaces versus car traffic.