

STAFF REPORT

Date: December 4, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Q&D Construction, LLC for the Plumas Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project in the amount of \$425,000. (Street Fund, Grant Funding)

From: Jonathan Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

The Plumas Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project is located on the west side of Plumas Street, extending from the Reno Tennis Center to just north of Brinkby Avenue. This project includes installing an ADA-compliant sidewalk to create a continuous connection from the existing sidewalk at the Reno Tennis Center southward. \$382,047 of the project is funded through the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which has been granted through a Cooperative (Local Public Agency) Agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). The remaining \$42,953 is being funded from the Street Fund. Staff received and opened bids for the project on October 14, 2024. Q&D Construction, LLC submitted the best bid in the amount of \$425,000, which includes a contingency. Staff recommends Council award the contract to Q&D Construction, LLC.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?	X	
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.04%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

June 12, 2024 – Council approved the Cooperative Local Public Agency (LPA) Agreement for the Plumas Street Sidewalk Project Phase II between the City of Reno and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) with a total project cost estimated to be \$402,155.

Background:

The mission of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is to enhance our nation's communities through leadership, innovation, and effective program delivery. The program envisions creating safe, accessible, attractive, and environmentally sensitive communities where people want to live, work, and recreate. To support this vision, TAP provides funding for projects that improve non-motorized mobility, historic preservation, scenic accessibility, Safe Routes to School programs, and environmental management. TAP projects can be integrated into existing transportation plans or function as stand-alone initiatives. Importantly, all TAP-funded infrastructure projects must be legally accessible to the public, with safety as a key consideration. Furthermore, these projects must align with the current Regional Transportation Plan and the RTC Active Transportation Plan. Eligible applicants for TAP funds include local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, and Tribal governments.

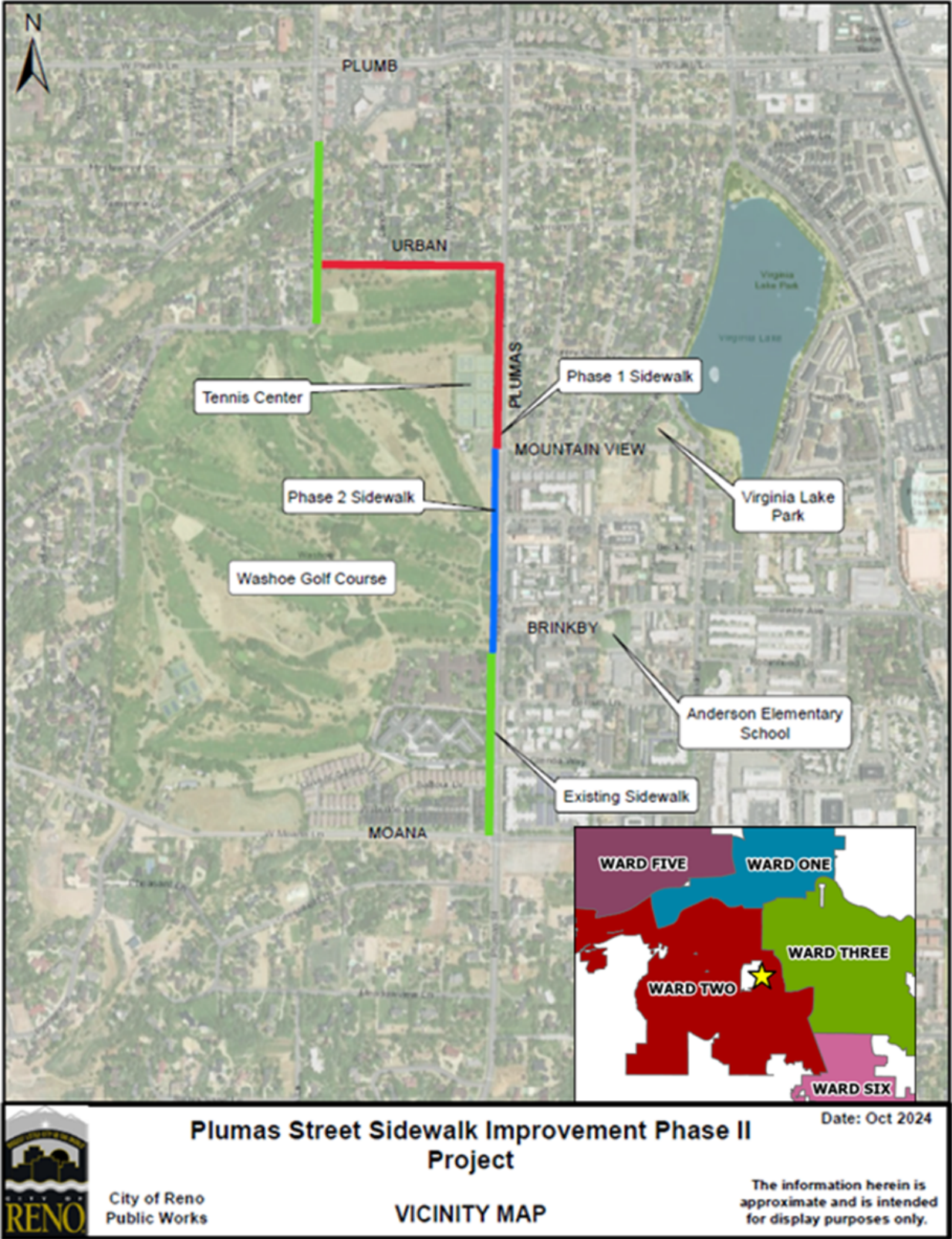
The Plumas Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project, located on the west side of Plumas Street from the Reno Tennis Center to just north of Brinkby Avenue, aligns with this vision by installing new ADA-compliant sidewalks to enhance connectivity and mobility in the area.

The City applied for the TAP grant in May of 2023 and on August 18, 2023 the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) approved \$382,047 in Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside funding through the State of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). On June 12, 2024 Council approved a Cooperative Local Public Agency (LPA) Agreement between the NDOT and the City of Reno. The design was completed by City of Reno Staff and accepted by NDOT and RTC.

Discussion:

The Plumas Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project provides sidewalk connectivity where none currently exists, significantly enhancing safety and mobility while encouraging non-motorized travel, improving access to public transit, and fostering a healthier community. This project will install approximately 1,320 feet of continuous ADA-compliant sidewalk along the west side of Plumas Street, extending from the Reno Tennis Center to the first driveway opening south of the center. The new sidewalk will connect to the one installed in spring 2024 as part of the Urban Road and Plumas Street project, thereby completing the sidewalk connectivity along Plumas Street. Please refer to the vicinity map below for the project location.

Vicinity Map



Staff received and opened four bids for the Plumas Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project on October 14, 2024. Q&D Construction, LLC submitted the best bid pursuant to the requirements established in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 338 and met all the Federal requirements for the funding.

Q&D Construction, LLC is a local General Contractor licensed in Nevada, and they have completed multiple roadway and sewer projects for the City within the past five years.

Table 1 – Bid Summary

Plumas Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project	Base Bid
Engineer's Estimate	\$440,785
Q&D Construction	\$385,000
Spanish Springs Construction	\$398,176
Gradex Construction	\$402,203
Resource Development Company	\$548,170

Staff recommends award to Q&D Construction, LLC for the Plumas Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project for \$425,000 which includes a \$40,000 contingency for unforeseen items encountered during construction.

Table 2 – Recommended Bid Award

Plumas St Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project	\$385,000
Contingency	\$40,000
Bid Award	\$425,000

The consequences of not awarding this bid today will be continued limited pedestrian and American Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility.

Financial Implications:

This agreement will be funded by the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside funding (\$382,047) and street fund (\$42,953).

Table 2 – Cost Allocation of Street Fund and TAP Grant

	Recommended Award Amount	TAP Grant	Street Fund
Q&D Construction, LLC	\$ 425,000	\$382,047	\$ 42,953

Percentages		90%	10%
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Legal Implications:

This Contract was competitively bid in accordance with Chapter 338 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Federal requirements. NRS 338.147 provides that a local government shall award a contract for a public work for which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000 to the contractor who submits the best bid pursuant to the requirements of the chapter. Q&D Construction, LLC maintains the proper license to perform the project, meets all Federal requirements and submitted the best bid pursuant to the applicable legal requirements.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council award the contract to Q&D Construction, LLC for the Plumas Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project in the amount of \$425,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Proposed Motion:

I move to award the contract to Q&D Construction, LLC for the Plumas Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project in the amount of \$425,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Attachments:

- Q&D_Construction_Contract (PDF)