



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of May 13, 2025

**DATE:** May 13, 2025

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### **Construction Contract Award**

**Huntwick Avenue – South Staples Street to Pavement Change**

**(Type B Fund)**

#### **CAPTION:**

Resolution awarding a construction contract to Mako Contracting, LLC, of Corpus Christi, for the reconstruction of Huntwick Avenue, from South Staples Street to Pavement Change, with new concrete pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, ADA-compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, and necessary utility improvements, in an amount up to \$954,452.20, located in Council District 5 with FY 2025 funding available from Streets Type B funds.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This resolution awards a construction contract to Mako Contracting for the complete reconstruction of Huntwick Avenue from South Staples Street to Pavement Change with new concrete pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, ADA-compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, and necessary utility improvements.

## **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

On April 15, 2024, the City of Corpus Christi Type B Corporation Board authorized \$2,500,000 for design and reconstruction of Huntwick Avenue, from South Staples Street to Pavement Change. Huntwick Avenue Street reconstruction aligns with the Type B Board's economic development focus where Type B funds are allocated for street projects that support local economic development. The project was approved to be designed and constructed with concrete pavement as the proposed pavement ties in with existing concrete pavement. The existing concrete pavement marks the beginning of HEB Plus's private property which will not be included in the scope of the project. The City right-of-way begins from South Staples Street and concludes where the existing asphalt pavement transitions to concrete.

HEB Plus is a major local business attracting substantial traffic and bolstering the city's economy. By reconstructing the road with durable concrete pavement, the project aims to improve traffic flow, enhance safety for both motorists and pedestrians, and enhance the area's overall aesthetic appeal. Additionally, integrating the new concrete pavement of Huntwick Avenue with the existing pavement of HEB Plus will create a seamless, cohesive roadway, positively reflecting on the city's infrastructure and supporting the ongoing growth and prosperity of the local community.

Huntwick Avenue, from South Staples to Pavement Change, built in 1995 with asphalt pavement, curb and gutter with one travel lane in each direction. The street is classified as a local Collector (C-1), approximately 555 feet long and 40 feet wide. The pavement has significantly deteriorated over time. The existing pavement contains various failures, including alligator cracking, block cracking, longitudinal and transverse cracking, edge cracks, potholes, depressions, and raveling. The street is covered with patches of different colors from various repairs over time, leading to a significant decrease in the overall integrity of the pavement structure and a lower level of service.

The proposed project scope of improvements includes the complete reconstruction of the existing roadway with new concrete pavement with one travel lane in each direction, curbs and gutters, and sidewalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveways, signage, pavement markings, and utility upgrades as necessary.

## **PROJECT TIMELINE:**

2024 - 2025	2025	2025
July – February	March – May	June - November
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

Project schedule reflects City Council award in May 2025 with anticipated completion by November 2025.

## **COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS**

On March 3, 2025, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Bids (RFB #6353) for Huntwick Avenue from South Staples Street to HEB Pavement Chang.

On April 2, 2025, the City received bids from eight bidders. The City analyzed the bids in accordance with the contract documents and determined that Mako Contracting was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

A summary of the bids is provided below:

	<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid (Concrete Pavement)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Mako Contracting (Corpus Christi, TX)</b>	<b>\$ 954,452.20</b>
2	JE Construction Services (Corpus Christi, TX)	\$ 986,587.00
3	Leinneweber Concrete Construction (San Marcos, TX)	\$ 1,005,886.00
4	A. Ortiz Construction & Paving, Inc (Corpus Christi, TX)	\$ 1,030,913.71
5	Brooke Paving and Construction LLC (Robstown, TX)	\$ 1,031,386.13
6	MAX Underground Construction (Corpus Christi, TX)	\$ 1,079,204.45
7	TexasChile (Kingwood, TX)	\$ 1,137,406.00
8	Bay Ltd (Corpus Christi, TX)	\$ 1,373,647.50
	Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost	\$ 1,317,322.50

The bid is well below the engineer's estimate, but staff do not have any concerns about awarding the contract to the low bidder. Mako is a very experienced contractor and is standing by their bid. The bids received indicate that the engineer has likely overestimated the value of the work.

Mako Contracting's bid fell below the OPCC due to several line items being under the estimate. Notable savings include \$174,200 on concrete pavement and \$115,775 on temporary traffic control items and equipment. The total amount of savings from these various line items adds up to an amount of \$289,975.00. Mako Contracting's extensive experience with similar projects provided a competitive edge in their bid.

Mako Contracting has successfully completed many construction projects with the City of Corpus Christi. Some recently completed projects include:

- Laguna Shores Rd (Graham to SPID) (Bond 2018), Segment 1 (\$4,929,519.00)
- Hearn Road (Callicoatte to Dead End) (Bond 2020) (\$5,440,307.31)
- Lipes Boulevard from Sunwood Drive to Staples Street (Bond 2020) (\$8,129,921.29)
- Wildcat Drive from FM 624 to Teague Lane (Bond 2020) (\$3,269,820.07)

Based on the review, city staff recommends that the City award the construction contract to the low bidder – Mako Contracting.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Council could choose not to award the contract to Mako Contracting. This would delay the project and conflict with City Council's goal to expedite street infrastructure upgrades.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The proposal is to award a construction contract to Mako Contracting, in an amount not to exceed \$954,452.20, for the reconstruction of Huntwick Avenue from South Staples Street to Pavement Change. Project funds are available from FY 2025 Streets Type B. The project saving will be reverted to Type B fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	Street B Corp (Fund 3250)
Department:	Streets (33)
Organization:	Grants & Capital Projects (89)
Project:	Huntwick Ave. (S. Staples St. to Pavement Change) (Project No. 24037)
Account:	Construction (550910)
Activity:	24037
Amount:	\$954,452.20

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$954,452.20</b>
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends awarding construction contract to Mako Contracting for the reconstruction of Huntwick Avenue from South Staples Street to Pavement Change in an amount not to exceed \$954,452.20 with construction duration planned for 6 months from issuance of the Notice to Proceed with construction starting in June 2025 and completed by November 2025.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Location Map  
Bid Tabs (Base Bid)  
CIP Page  
Power Point Presentation  
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