

**2M. Consideration of approving a contract with Braun Intertec for material testing services for a total cost of \$66,851**

<b>Prepared by:</b> Public Works Director/City Engineer	<b>Meeting Date:</b> 9/11/2023	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent Agenda Item</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Regular Agenda Item</b>
<b>Reviewed by:</b> N/A	<b>Approved by:</b> City Administrator	

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Motion to authorize a contract with Braun Intertec to provide material testing services for the Downtown Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements project for a total cost of \$66,851.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

**June 13, 2022:** Authorized Bolton and Menk, Inc. to provide engineering services for the Downtown Roadway and Pedestrian improvement project for a total cost of \$241,250.

**September 26, 2022:** Amended the original contract to include additional engineering services for a cost of \$15,800.

**November 14, 2022:** Amended contract to include engineering services for Wright County pavement preservation project and streetscape elements for a cost of \$459,327.

**August 7, 2023:** Adopted Resolution 2023-68 accepting bids and awarding contract to Meyer Contracting Inc. for the Downtown Roadway & Pedestrian Improvements Project in the amount of \$10,790,214

**August 14, 2023:** Amended engineering contract for additional services for a total cost of \$570,000.

**REFERENCE AND BACKGROUND**

To ensure the quality of materials and/or workmanship for improvement projects, the City requires construction material to be tested. Both the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Wright County also require material testing on projects where their funding is utilized. For the Downtown Roadway & Pedestrian Improvements project, testing will be required for concrete, asphalt, aggregate, and subgrade materials used and installed as part of this project.

Bids were solicited for testing services and two proposals were received:

- AET - \$40,221.75
- Braun Intertec - \$66,851

The proposal from Braun Intertec assumed the completion of more tests than AET. Using the same number of test completions that AET used to submit their proposal, the lowest assumed proposal would be Braun Intertec's at \$35,878.

Since payments will be made based on the number of tests completed, staff recommend that Council select Braun Intertec for this project.

- I. **Budget Impact:** \$66,851 will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. The testing services needed for work completed for Wright County on this project are included in their 11% of the contract costs.
- II. **Staff Workload Impact:** City engineering, community development, finance, parks and recreation, and public works staff are involved in the development and execution of this project.
- III. **Comprehensive Plan Impact:** N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommend approval of material testing for this project.

**SUPPORTING DATA**

- None