



City of Rochelle
Engineering Department

Memo

To: Dave Plyman, City Manager
CC: Tim Isley, Supt. of Street Division
Curt Ward, Engineering Technician
Chris Frye, Finance Director
Alan Cooper, City Attorney (via council packet)
From: Sam Tesreau - City Engineer
Date: November 5, 2014
Re: 2014/15 – IL Rte. 38 and Lincoln Hwy pedestrian signals upgrade project with MFT section #13-00114-00-TL
Encl:
(1) Bid tabulation sheet

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1. The installation of pedestrian signals has been a part of the long term capital improvements plan for a couple of years. Engineering began on the project in late 2013 and plans were finally approved by the IDOT, in September 2014, for the project and its funding. Fehr Graham and Associates Engineering consultants provided an evaluation of the existing traffic signal and pedestrian facilities and found that pedestrian signals and other associated work could be completed for an estimated cost of \$63,000 for the project. This project has been identified as a multi-year capital improvement project and has been budgeted in the current FY 2014-15 budget. The new pedestrian signals are designed to accommodate pedestrians, users with disabilities and increase the time available to cross the intersection. Lastly these improvements will include new sidewalk ramps and pavement striping to better identify the pedestrian routes when crossing the intersection.
 2. The above referenced project was advertised in the IDOT contractors' bulletin #14-20. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on October 23 , 2014 at 10 am for the above referenced project. Four bid proposals were taken out however only one bid was received as follows:
 - William Charles Electric, LLC submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$96,744.90

Please refer to enclosure (1) for total base bids as submitted by all bidders.

The lowest bid, as submitted William Charles Electric, LLC, is approximately 53% higher than the Engineer's estimate of cost. The project was to be funded through the Capital Improvements fund 36-00-86096 which includes a revenue transfer from the City MFT Tax Fund for the infrastructure construction and other related expenses incurred for the project. However, with the overage in the bid proposal City staff and FGA believe the project should be rebid at a later date to obtain a more appropriate bid proposal.

3. Please consider rejection of all bids for the project known as known as the City of Rochelle 2014 IL Rte. 38 and Lincoln Hwy pedestrian signals upgrade as described herein.