



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole – May 27, 2025
City Council – June 2, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

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Agenda Item: Bids for City Project No. 8924 – English Coulee Diversion Cleaning (32nd Ave S – 47th Ave S)

Submitted by: Engineering Department, Christian Danielson, PE (Assistant City Engineer)
Anthony Ryan, PE (Sr Civil Engineer)

Staff Recommended Action: Award Contract to low bidder, Gowan Construction in the amount of \$172,287.15 for City Project 8924 – 2025 English Coulee Diversion Cleaning (32nd Ave S to 47th Ave S).

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to approve on consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND:

Bids for this Project were received on 5/22/25. The low bid of \$172,287.15 was submitted by Gowan Construction and is approximately 57% under the Engineer’s Estimate.

This Project consists of cleaning the English Coulee Diversion Channel from 47th Ave S to 32nd Ave S. Over time, Sediment, silt, and vegetation filled in this area of the diversion bottom. City staff’s goal is to remove this sediment by excavating a pilot channel below the existing ground that would fill in over time with any additional sediment. The pilot channel will also serve to reestablish the capacity of the diversion in this area and limit cattail growth in the diversion bottom.

City staff also observed that there is severe sediment buildup surrounding the box culverts at either ends of the Project. The sediment is covering almost all of the riprap that is supposed to be exposed in the locations. With this Project, City staff will remove the sediment atop the riprap and the riprap itself. New, clean riprap will be installed per the U.S Army Corp’s original design.

The US Army Corps of Engineers requires the City to upkeep maintenance of the flood protection system to be eligible for PL84-99 assistance during a major flood event. This Project is maintenance that will help the City maintain its eligibility for assistance from the Corps.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- The total construction cost for this project is estimated to be \$400,081.
- A total of 8 bids were received and 8 bids were opened.
- Bids ranged from \$172,287.15 to \$426,156.50.
- The lowest bid was from Gowan Construction in the amount of \$172,287.15.
- Project will be paid for from Fund 4154 – Flood Protection Capital Maintenance Fund. Where \$850,000 has been budgeted.
- Project will occur during the winter 2025.
- The USACE requires that the City upkeeps the flood protection project to be eligible for PL84-99 assistance during a major flood event.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Abstract of Bids Received
- Project Location Map
- City of Grand Forks Budget (Pg 309).

**Abstract of Bids Received
City Project No. 8924**

Project Name-2025 English Coulee Div Cleaning (32nd-47th AS)
Bid Opening - 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 22, 2025

Contractor	Acknowledge Addendum 1	Bid Bond	Contractor's License	Base Bid
1 Gowan Construction Oslo, MN	n/a	x	x	\$172,287.15
2 Dirty Deeds Dirtwork Inc St Thomas, ND	n/a	x	x	\$213,458.72
3 Complete Track Works Inc. Grand Forks, ND	n/a	x	x	\$221,794.30
4 Robinson Excavating, Inc. Grand Forks, ND	n/a	x	x	\$247,670.20
5 United Crane & Excavation Grand Forks, ND	n/a	x	x	\$311,871.80
6 MNL Otsego, MN	n/a	x	x	\$322,266.45
7 Triple D Construction & Leasing Inc Plummer, MN	n/a	x	x	\$399,529.50
8 Strata Corporation Grand Forks, ND	n/a	x	x	\$426,156.50
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>				\$400,081.00

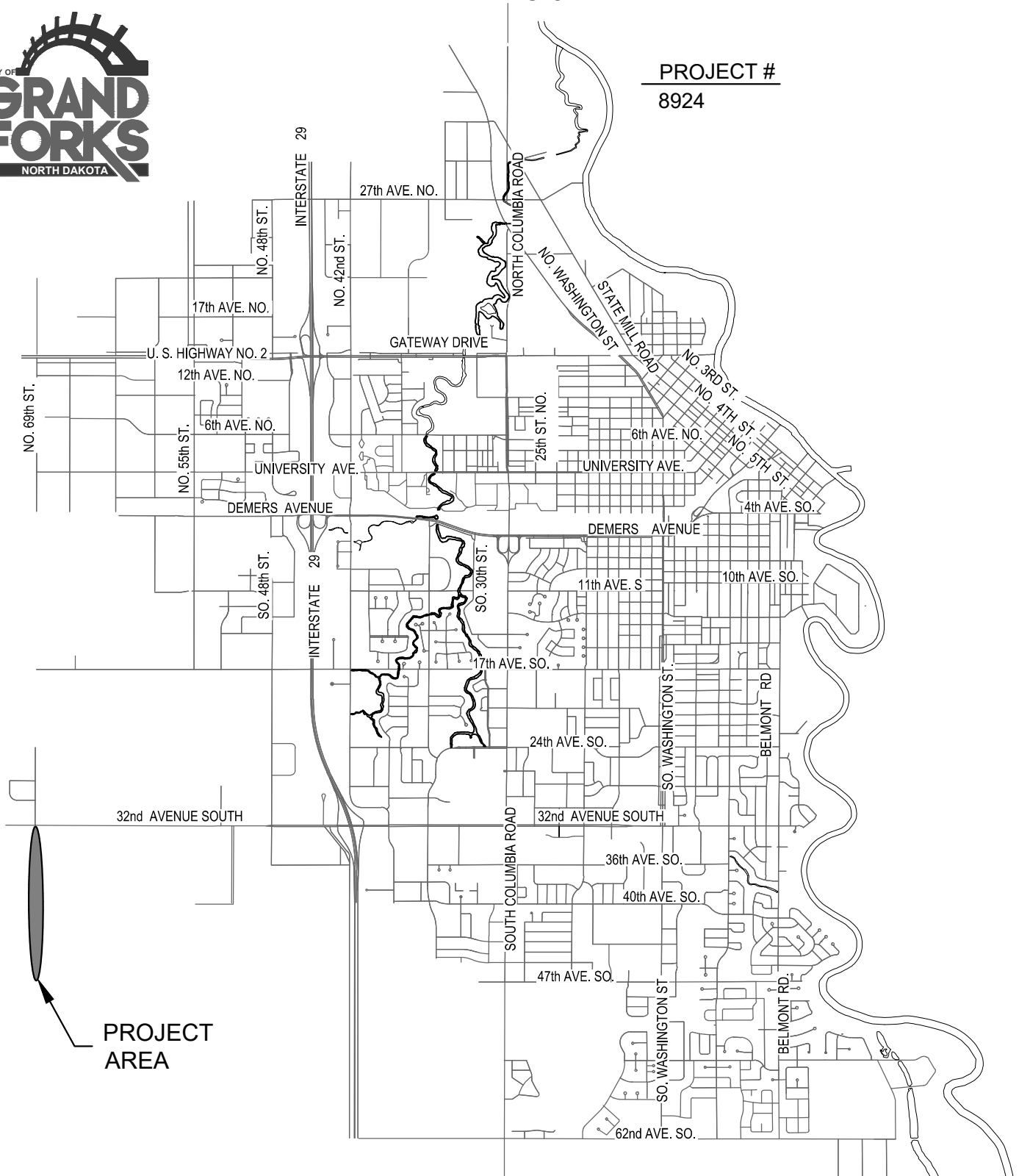
PROPOSAL

GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

2025 ENGLISH COULEE DIVERSION CLEANING
47TH AVE S TO 32ND AVE S



PROJECT #
8924





Flood Protection Capital Maintenance

G/L Account	Account Description	2022 Amended Budget	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2025 Adopted Budget
Fund 4154 - Flood Protection Capital Mtce							
EXPENSE							
Department 100 - Expenditures							
<i>Contractual Services</i>							
4154.100 430.0090	Advertising	.00	1,926.06	4,636.00	4,635.52	.00	.00
4154.100 430.0150	Consultants	.00	.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	.00	.00
<i>Contractual Services Totals</i>		\$0.00	\$1,926.06	\$8,136.00	\$8,135.52	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Operating Transfers Out</i>							
4154.100 900.0010	Operating Transfers Out	.00	.00	18,537.00	18,536.75	.00	.00
<i>Operating Transfers Out Totals</i>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,537.00	\$18,536.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Capital Outlay</i>							
4154.100 600.0010	Land Acquisition	.00	289,727.69	.00	.00	.00	.00
4154.100 650.0010	Work In Progress	1,308,708.00	275,769.78	1,074,557.00	1,159,158.43	4,151,399.00	3,770,000.00
Budget Transactions							
<i>Level</i>	<i>Transaction</i>				<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
Adopted Budget	English Coulee Diversion Maintenance				1.0000	850,000.00	850,000.00
Adopted Budget	Flood Station Rehab				1.0000	500,000.00	500,000.00
Adopted Budget	GF South Area Overland Flow Risk Eval				1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
Adopted Budget	Greenway Trail Overlay				1.0000	110,000.00	110,000.00
Adopted Budget	Levee/Excavation Settlement Repair				1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
Adopted Budget	Misc. Riprap Replacement				1.0000	90,000.00	90,000.00
Adopted Budget	Public Works Mower				1.0000	50,000.00	50,000.00
Adopted Budget	River's Edge				1.0000	200,000.00	200,000.00
Adopted Budget	South End Drainage Improvements (East)				1.0000	1,470,000.00	1,470,000.00
Adopted Budget	Stormwater Pond Clearing/Mtce				1.0000	300,000.00	300,000.00
						Adopted Budget Totals	\$3,770,000.00
4154.100 700.0050	Gen Equipment N.O.C.	.00	.00	14,533.00	14,532.02	.00	.00
<i>Capital Outlay Totals</i>		\$1,308,708.00	\$565,497.47	\$1,089,090.00	\$1,173,690.45	\$4,151,399.00	\$3,770,000.00