



City of Grand Forks  
Staff Report  
Committee of the Whole – June 23, 2025  
City Council – July 7, 2025

**APPROVED & ACCEPTED**  
by City Council

07/07/2025

*Maureen Storstad*  
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City Auditor

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**Agenda Item:** Bids for City Project No. 8915, District No. 790 – Reconstruct 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue South (South 34<sup>th</sup> Street to South 38<sup>th</sup> Street)

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**Submitted by:** Engineering Department, Logan LeTexier, PE (Civil Engineer, Senior)  
Edward Liberman, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

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**Staff Recommended Action:** Award contract to low bidder, Opp Construction, in the amount of \$817,493.40 and approve a budget amendment for Project No. 8915, District No. 790 - Reconstruct 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue South (South 34<sup>th</sup> Street to South 38<sup>th</sup> Street)

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**Committee Recommended Action:** Motion by Vein, second by Fridolfs to move item to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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**BACKGROUND:**

Bids for this project were received on June 19, 2025. 5 bids were received and opened. The low bid of \$817,493.40 was submitted by Opp Construction and was approximately 28% under the Engineer's Estimate.

This project consists of reconstructing the existing roadway on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from South 34<sup>th</sup> Street to South 38<sup>th</sup> Street. The existing roadway is 37 feet wide and was originally constructed in 1996. The existing pavement is considerably heaved, sunken, and cracked throughout the driving lane, but the curb and gutter has portions that remain in good condition and can be salvaged. This roadway receives frequent complaints from other departments and the general public. Several alternatives were considered for rehabilitation in this area. After analyzing the condition of the pavement and the curb, it was determined that rehabilitation would not provide a long-term solution. With the majority of the curb and gutter being in an acceptable condition, salvaging the curb may provide the best value in lieu of a total reconstruction.

The proposed reconstruction will replace the driving lanes and any failing curb and gutter, while salvaging the curb and gutter that is in good condition. The project will also include minor storm sewer and sidewalk improvements.

This project was considered at previous Council/Public meetings, which are as follows:

- May 5, 2025 – Council approved the Engineer's Report, created the Special Assessment District, and directed Engineering Department to prepare Plans & Specifications for this project
- May 15, 2025 – A public input meeting was held
- June 2, 2025 – Council approved Plans and Specifications and directed Engineering Department to advertise for construction bids

### **ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- A total of 5 bids were received on June 19, 2025
- The bids received ranged from \$817,493.40 to \$965,799.25.
- The lowest bid received was from Opp Construction in the amount of \$817,493.40.
- The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$1.13M.
- A portion of this project will be funded with a City share, as current City policy is to fund 80% of the cost of reconstruction projects for local streets with the remaining 20% being special assessed to the benefitting properties.
- The City share is estimated to be \$654K, which will be funded from the Street/Infrastructure Fund 4815.
- This project is not currently in the 2025 City budget; however, sufficient funds are available in Fund 4815 to support this project due to an offset project that shifted to a later year in the City's CIP. A budget amendment is being requested with this staff report.
- Construction is anticipated to take place during the 2025 construction season.
- The resolution of necessity for the paving project can be protested per State law [Ref: ND Century Code Ch. 40-22]; the protest period is scheduled to expire on July 3, 2025.
- A project timetable with milestone dates is attached with this staff report.

### **SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- Abstract of Bids Received (1 page)
- Timetable For Special Assessment Project (1 page)
- Assessment District Map (1 page)

Abstract of Bids Received  
City Project No. 8915  
Project Name-Reconstruct 30th AS (S 34th-38th St)  
Bid Opening - 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 19, 2025

Contractor	Acknowledge Addendum 1	Bid Bond	Contractor's License	Base Bid
1 Opp Construction LLC Grand Forks, ND	n/a	x	x	\$817,493.40
2 Paras Contracting Fargo, ND	n/a	x	x	\$841,867.82
3 All Finish Concrete, Inc. West Fargo, ND	n/a	x	x	\$872,704.00
4 Strata Corporation Grand Forks, ND	n/a	x	x	\$927,652.95
5 United Crane & Excavation Grand Forks, ND	n/a	x	x	\$965,799.25
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<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>				\$1,134,816.75

## TIMETABLE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Project Name Reconstruct 30<sup>th</sup> Ave S (S 34<sup>th</sup> St to S 38<sup>th</sup> St)  
 Project Number 8915 District No. 790

- Paving  
 Street Lighting  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

This timetable prepared by LJL  
 Revised by \_\_\_\_\_

Date 4/23/25  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

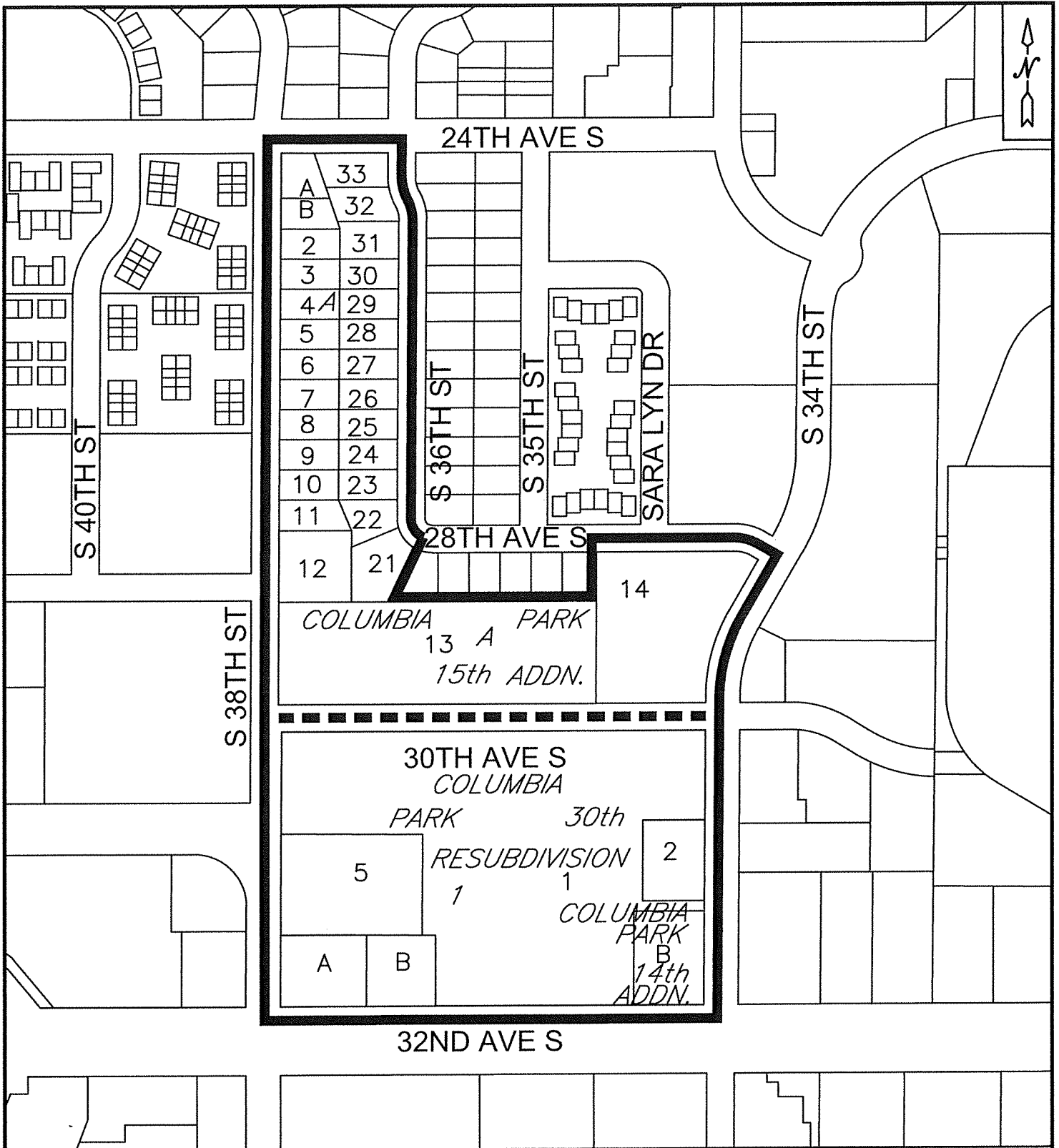
Action	Date of Action			Approved
	Other	Committee	Council	
Approval of Engineers Report including estimate. Resolution creating assessment district. Direct engineering to prepare plans & specifications.		4/28/25	5/5/25	
*Special Assessment Commission to meet to determine preliminary distribution of benefits.	Week of 5/6/25			
*Notices sent to property owners.	Week of 5/6/25			
**Advertisement for bids prepared.	5/29/25			
Approval of plans & specs and direct engineering to advertise for construction bids.		5/27/25	6/2/25	
Resolution of Necessity published.	6/3/25			
*Advertisement for bids published.	6/4/25			
Discuss Project. (Optional)				
***Bids received, opened & tabulated.	6/19/25			
#Recommend award of contract.		6/23/25		We are Here
Expiration of protest period.	7/3/25			
***Certificate as to sufficiency.	7/7/25			
Resolution as to protest and awarding contract.			7/7/25	

\*Responsibility of Finance & Administrative Services Office

\*\*Responsibility of Engineering Department.

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#If bids are more than 25% higher than engineers estimate, Finance & Administrative Services Office will notify property owners and protest period will be extended 2 weeks.



# RECONSTRUCT 30TH AVE S (S 34TH ST TO S 38TH ST)

## LEGEND

PROJECT # 8915

DISTRICT # 790

- ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- PROJECT LIMITS