



MEMORANDUM

TO: MRA Board of Commissioners

FROM: Tod Gass, Project Manager

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DATE: March 11, 2022

SUBJECT: URD II Burton Street Improvements Project - Award Construction Contract

The URD II Burton Street Improvements Project was advertised for Bids the last week of February and the first week of March. The project involves construction of curb/gutter, boulevard sidewalk, and trail connections at the 500 block of Burton Street; and improvements to the east end of the Imagination Brewery/City of Missoula parking lot and trail connections that will link the parking lot and the W. Broadway sidewalk to the West Broadway Island. This work will complete the Burton Street public improvements that were originally part of the West Broadway Island Project and later made part of an MRA public/private partnership for a housing project at 525 Burton Street. The TIF funding for the public improvements specified in the 525 Burton Development Agreement, in the amount of \$57,705, will be reprogrammed to the current Burton Street Improvements project pending Board action to award a construction contract.

Two bids were received for the project and the low bid was submitted by Knife River Corporation of Missoula, Montana, in the amount of \$178,000. The low bid is below the engineer's estimate of \$185,261 and is quite competitive given the current bidding environment. Knife River has successfully completed numerous City Public Works and MRA street and sidewalk projects throughout downtown, URD II, and URD III. Morrison Maierle has reviewed the Knife River bid and found it to be responsive, correct, and complete and therefore recommends awarding the Burton Street Improvements construction contract to Knife River.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board move to award the construction contract for the URD II Burton Street Improvements Project to Knife River Corporation, in the amount of \$178,000, authorize the MRA Board Chairman to sign the contract, and authorize Staff to sign the contract documents to award the contract and proceed to construction.