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Committee: Board of Public Works	BPW Meeting Date: 8/6/2026
ID Number: ID#26-04087	Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable): N/A
Department Submitting: Department of Public Works	Common Council Meeting Date: 8/18/2026
Agenda Item Title: Review and possible action on the engineering consultant selection for the RAISE grant bike and pedestrian bridges over USH18/STH59 and USH18/STH59/STH164 project.	

Issue Before the Council:

In early 2024, the City applied for a planning grant through USDOT's RAISE program to study and design two pedestrian/multi-use trail bridges across the Waukesha Bypass; one near Fox River Parkway and the other at the New Berlin Trail crossing between Pearl St. and Lincoln Ave. In late 2025, the City entered a formal agreement with the USDOT for the execution of this project work, and the project was formally included in the City's 2026 Community Investment Program (CIP).

The first step in the execution of this project is to select an engineering consultant to complete planning and preliminary design, feasibility study, cost analysis and deliver the project in its entirety, including following all federal rules and requirements. In June of 2026, the Department of Public Works, Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry and Community Development Department solicited proposals for engineering consultants to provide all design and planning documents related to the federal grant project. In total, the City received proposals from seven engineering firms. The City's review committee comprised of staff members from Engineering, Parks, Recreation and Forestry and Community Development reviewed and evaluated the firms based on the scoring criteria included in the original request for proposals.

Options & Alternatives:

- 1) Approve the City to enter contract negotiations with another firm
- 2) Do not approve the City to enter contract negotiations with any firm and forfeit the \$1,116,800.00 RAISE grant allocation.

Additional Details:

The City's review committee first evaluated the proposal responses based on the staff qualifications, project experience, project understanding/technical approach, project schedule, and workload capacity. Below are the rankings of the firms:

PLANNING AND DESIGN OF BIKE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES RFP-PROPOSAL RAKINGS							
Proposal	KL	AECOM	EMCS	AYRES	BENESCH	Collins	TKDA & R&M
Credentials of Team (35%)	8.88	8.63	8.25	8.00	7.88	7.50	7.25
Project Experience (30%)	9.25	8.38	8.38	7.75	7.75	7.25	7.75
Project Understanding/Technical Approach (20%)	9.13	8.75	8.75	8.00	7.50	8.13	7.25
Project Schedule (10%)	8.38	8.63	8.38	7.75	7.50	7.00	8.00
Workload Capacity (5%)	8.88	8.13	8.88	8.38	8.00	8.25	8.50
Total Weighted Score	8.99	8.55	8.43	7.92	7.73	7.54	7.54
Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Following the City's Architectural/Engineering Procurement, Management and Contract Administration Policy for Federally Funded Projects (BPW approved 5/17/2026, CC approved 5/19/2026), the top three ranked engineering consultants are invited for in-person interviews as the next step of the selection process. Based on the submitted formal proposals, KL Engineering, AECOM, and EMCS were invited for in-person interviews. On July 15th, 2026, the City's selection team interviewed the top three firms. The firms were provided with fifteen minutes to present to the team, followed by five questions from the review committee. Below are the rankings of the firms based on the interview:

PLANNING AND DESIGN OF BIKE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES RFP-INTERVIEW RAKINGS			
	AECOM	KL	EMCS
Total Score	166	161	128
Rank	1	2	3

Considering both the scoring of the proposal and the scoring of the interviews, the selection committee is recommending moving forward with AECOM to begin contract negotiations.

What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:

People-Centered Development

What impact will this item have on the Strategic Plan Priority?

This project aligns with both Objective 1 (Focus capital investments on new and existing mobility and accessibility infrastructure, neighborhood cohesiveness, culture and recreational spaces, and transportation improvements) and the performance measure of Objective 6 (Number and type of park and/or bicycle and pedestrian-focused improvements completed).

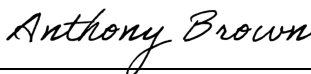
Financial Remarks:

None at this time. If formal contract negotiations are successful between City staff and AECOM, a final Contract will be presented to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for final approval. This is anticipated to be on the Board of Public Works agenda on 9/17/2026.

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve the City to enter contract negotiations with AECOM for the RAISE grant bike and pedestrian bridges over USH18/STH59 and USH18/STH59/STH164 project.

Reviewed By:

City Attorney  Brian Running	Date Reviewed 29 July 2026
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City Administrator Anthony W. Brown 	Date Reviewed 08/05/2026