

January 22, 2026

Attention:

Subject: Analysis of Bids and Recommendation for Award of Contracts; 2026 Street & Utility Improvements – Fair Street; City of Lodi

Bid Deadline: January 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. local time

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to analyze the bids received for the 2026 Street & Utility Improvements project and to recommend award of a contract. This project involves street reconstruction, storm sewer upgrades and underground utility replacement on Fair Street. The scope of work includes replacement of underground utilities (water, sanitary and storm sewer), as well as reconstruction of curb & gutter, sidewalk, crushed aggregate base course, asphalt pavement, retaining wall reconstruction, and the construction of a parking lot in Goeres Park, and culvert replacement and asphalt pavement pulverization and replacement with shouldering on the portion of Fair Street that extends through the Town of Lodi to CTH J. Alternate bids are for construction of a new asphalt path and retaining wall in Goeres Park, construction of two accessible viewing platforms overlooking the baseball fields at Goeres Park, and an add/deduct to have the City close the pool at the end of July instead of the end of August, and supplemental items for removal of unsuitable trench backfill, dewatering, property corner replacement, abandon existing sanitary sewer main and manhole, sanitary sewer cleanout, and a split rail fence.

The pre-bid estimate for the base bid was \$2,918,950.50. Twenty-three general contractors, subcontractors, and material suppliers requested sets of the plans, specifications and bidding documents. Three contractors submitted bids.

A summary of the bids is as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Supplemental Bid Total
S & L Underground, Inc.	\$2,727,770.40	\$65,995.00	\$20,000.00	\$1.00	\$86,784.50
A-1 Excavating LLC	\$3,383,515.00	\$77,200.00	\$60,000.00	\$(6,000.00)	\$151,950.00
Fischer Excavating, Inc.	\$3,819,409.80	\$97,550.00	\$80,000.00	\$(2,000.00)	\$159,570.51

All of the bids were properly submitted.

The low bidder, using the base bid only, the base bid and alternate bids, or the base bid, alternate bids and supplemental bid is S & L Underground, Inc. of Lodi, Wisconsin, an experienced utility and street contractor that completed a similar projects for the City of Lodi. The bid prices are lower than the original budget. We recommend that S & L Underground, Inc. be awarded a contract for the base bid, plus alternate bid #1, alternate bid #2, and supplemental bids, if the budgets allow, for a total of \$2,900,549.90.

Below is a summary of the total departmental costs for all items:

Water Total	Sanitary Total	Storm total	Street Total	Township Total
\$649,616.55	\$979,671.05	\$95,235.20	\$1,036,479.42	\$139,548.68

The above total for the township is based on an assumed cost share. These values may change once the final cost sharing agreement is in place. This will be a unit price contract. That is, the contractor will be paid for the work actually performed on the basis on the unit prices bid. This means that the final line item costs could be either greater than or less than the bid totals. Also, unexpected conditions are sometimes encountered which result in increased project costs. Therefore, it would be wise to continue to carry the recommended 10% contingency.

If you have any questions with respect to our thoughts on this matter, I am available at your convenience to discuss them with you.

Respectfully,
TOWN & COUNTRY ENGINEERING, INC.

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