

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Motion to award Bid No. 9242, Pedestrian Wayfinding Kiosks to Express Construction, in the amount of \$73,695.20, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for fabrication and installation of five new pedestrian wayfinding kiosks in downtown Bellevue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the wayfinding kiosks has been secured through a grant awarded to the City that is being administered by Sound Transit. In 2000, the City secured a \$300,000 Federal Transportation Enhancements grant to develop a bike storage facility and provide downtown wayfinding to orient people to the Bellevue Transit Center. In 2001, the City transferred the grant to Sound Transit under an agreement that allowed the City to utilize \$100,000 for downtown wayfinding while Sound Transit used the remaining \$200,000 to complete the construction of the Rider Services Building. Under the terms of the grant agreement, Bellevue would incur the direct expenses related to kiosk fabrication and installation, and then would be fully reimbursed by Sound Transit from grant proceeds. The initial project payments and subsequent grant reimbursement will come from and be credited back to CIP Plan No. CD-19. The grant will cover 100% of the \$73,695.20 for the fabrication and installation of five new pedestrian wayfinding kiosks in downtown Bellevue. The lowest bid is approximately 11% below the Engineer's Estimate.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Council action is needed to award the construction contract for the Pedestrian Wayfinding Kiosks project. This project is consistent with policies incorporated in the City's Downtown Subarea Plan which is guided by the Great Place Strategy. This project includes planning, design, and construction for an array of urban livability and memorability features consistent with the Great Place Strategy and the Bellevue Downtown Association's Great Place Initiative. This project focuses on the wayfinding to support the pedestrian environment. Wayfinding is a key element in a maturing, complex downtown. This wayfinding installation will help people to navigate from point A to point B on foot or by bicycle and will also contribute to the design character of the public realm.

BACKGROUND:

The downtown wayfinding kiosk project is intended to assist pedestrians to navigate the downtown sidewalks and to help them locate significant cultural, entertainment, shopping, transit, and civic features. This phase of the project is a subset of a planned comprehensive downtown wayfinding system that consists of a number of different types of signage to be implemented as resources become available. This project will install five new kiosks.

On September 15, 2008, Council awarded Bid No. 8214 in the amount of \$64,778.00 to install four wayfinding kiosks along NE 6th Street and the Pedestrian Corridor that runs between Bellevue Way and 112th Avenue NE. The installation of the first four kiosks was completed in the spring of 2009.

This second pedestrian wayfinding project will install an additional five kiosks in downtown Bellevue at the following locations:

- 1) Main Street and 112th Avenue NE
- 2) Main Street and 102nd Avenue NE
- 3) Bellevue Way NE and NE 4th Street
- 4) NE 6th Street near the Transit Center Rider Services Building
- 5) 110th Avenue NE and NE 10th Street.

Each kiosk will provide a map of the downtown area on one side, a unique opposite panel that will tell a story related to the kiosk location, and directional signs to downtown destinations. Funding is available for three kiosks to incorporate the same artist-made component as the first group of kiosks. This component, called *Topos*, is a tree-like form of forged and fabricated steel, consisting of several canopy forms suspended from curved “branches.” The other two kiosks will be designed to accommodate the *Topos* in the future.

The Transportation and Planning and Community Development Departments have collaborated on the development of the comprehensive downtown wayfinding program and on the implementation of this phase.

Following verification of bid submittals, the bids received were as follows:

Engineer’s Estimate	\$83,170.00
Express Constructions	73,695.20
Gary Harper Construction, Inc.	83,631.00
Westwater Construction Company	102,600.00
Dennis R. Craig Construction, Inc.	103,503.05
TubeArt	113,805.39

To the best of our knowledge and professional judgment, all factors that normally contribute to construction of expenses have been accounted for in the Plans, Specifications and Estimates. Based on our experience, projects of this type may result in some field changes. All claims are rigorously reviewed and only those that are clearly necessary to accomplish the intent of the contract, but have somehow not been provided for, will be paid.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

If approved, this Motion becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS:

1. Award of Bid No. 9242 to Express Construction, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$73,695.20. They are qualified to perform this work and are willing to do so.
2. Award the bid to the next lowest responsible bidder if low bidder is not responsive.
3. Reject all bids and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Award Bid No. 9242 to Express Construction, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$73,695.20.

MOTION:

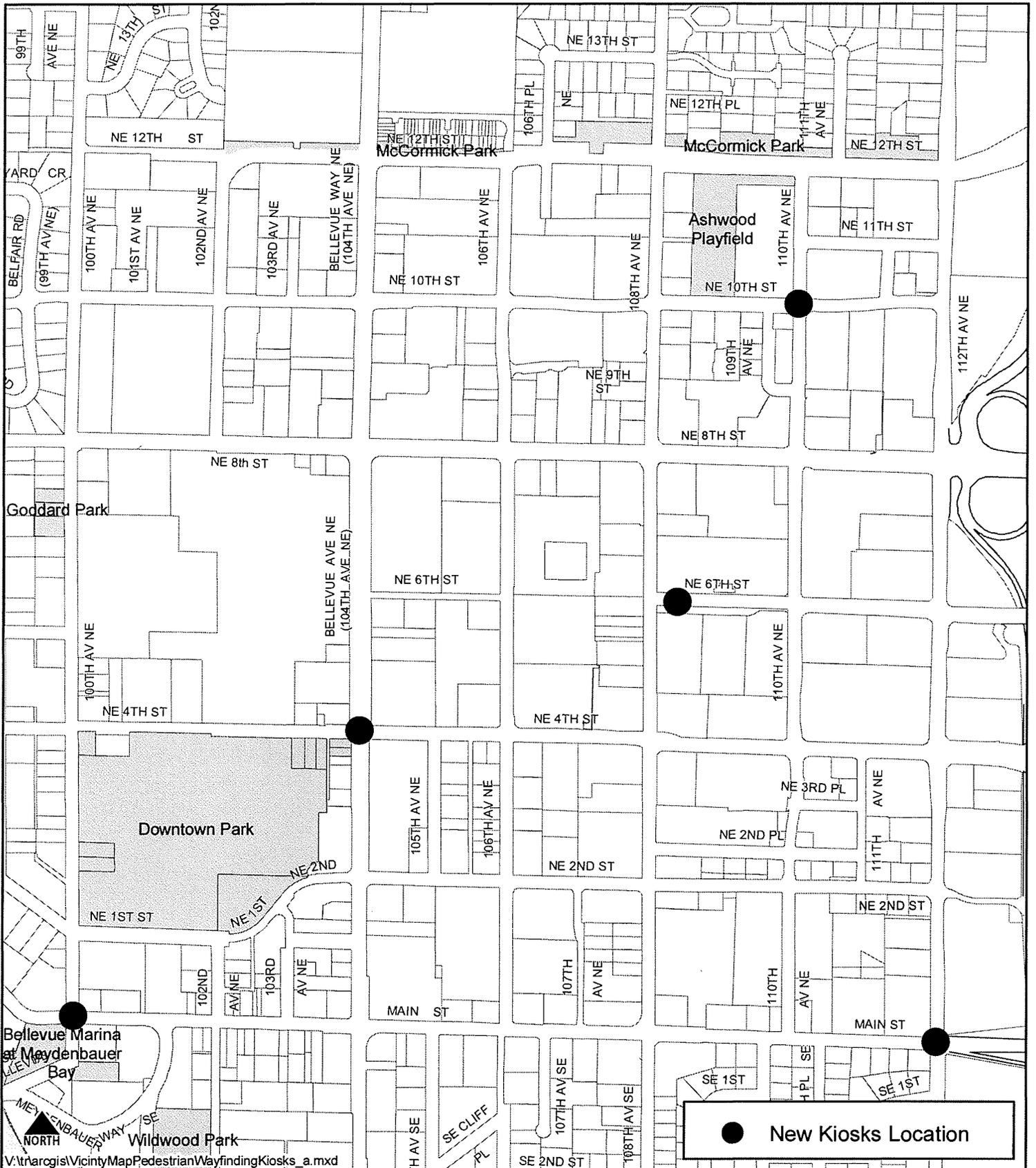
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ATTACHMENTS:

Vicinity Map

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL OFFICE:

Final Design Plans



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= 600 feet

City of Bellevue
IT Department
GIS Services

Plot Date: 8/24/2009

Vicinity map

Pedestrian Wayfinding Kiosks

CIP PW-CD-19

Map Location

