



**To:** President Mellon and Member of the Town Council

**From:** Town Manager - Dustin Anderson

**Date:** September 21, 2020

**Re:** Paving of Calumet Avenue

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### **Background**

Calumet Avenue is currently under construction from Superior Drive to north of the Canadian National railroad tracks. This work will be complete near the end of October.

In 2018, Calumet Avenue was improved from Fran Lin to Fisher Street.

The balance of Calumet north of Fisher and south of Superior is in stable position. On our 10 – 1 PASER Rating scale that the State uses with 10 being brand new and 1 being completely failed, these sections are in the middle of the rankings at 4.

However, the section of Calumet from Fran Lin south to the project limits of the Grade Separation is in poor condition, rated at a 3 of 10.

### **Methodology**

It would seem jarring and inconsistent if after the conclusion of the Grade Separation project a traveler would experience this poor-quality stretch of street sandwiched between two high-quality portions of the same.

The Town solicited bids to qualified firms to complete this work in the current construction season.

The Town received three bids. The results are summarized in the following table:

Walsh and Kelly	\$127,126.00
Site Services	\$124,015.00
Reith Riley	\$97,775.00

Complete bid documents are included at end of this memorandum.

Walsh and Kelly is the paving subcontractor for Walsh Construction responsible for the reconstruction of Calumet Avenue portion of the Grade Separation project. There was concern about the ability of a different firm to both effectively maintain traffic and complete this improvement in the current construction season.

Our construction engineer from DLZ has reviewed the bid packages and current Grade Separation project schedule and has provided the opinion that – while certainly Walsh and Kelly would have an advantage being already mobilized on site - all three firms could complete the specified work within the desired timeline.

If awarded, TIF Allocation Funds would be used to pay for this work.

**Recommendation:** By motion and roll call vote, authorize the Town Manager to sign the Reith Riley proposal for a cost not to exceed \$97,775.00.