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**Subject:** RE: External: WS-25-12 CONTINUOUS DIAMOND GRINDING

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I would really like to look into ways to make this project happen.

This is a main thoroughfare, and most of our larger road projects are on the north side of the city this year (minus the small stretch of S. 9<sup>th</sup>).

Maybe we take this to Public Infrastructure Committee to discuss options – then to Finance Committee?

We aren't extremely off the budget number (comparatively) – if I am correct we need \$100,000 more?



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Here is the response I received from the contractor.

I had talked to a Rep. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> bidder (Diamond Surface) about the project last fall and he told me \$7-\$8/SY for grinding, but then they never said anything about a double cut which means we are at \$14-\$16/SY. That is where things are messed up budget wise.

Although, if we would have put \$250,000 as the request, it may have never even been approved.

We just need a decision if we are going to try to rebid this project or do we look to do something next year??

We might be able to go from Hamilton St. to Division St. and I believe that is the block (1300 & 1400 blocks) with the main complaints I think.

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Good Afternoon Greg. I figured that may have been the case since I hadn't heard anything. I understand the price is higher than it has been and has escalated quite a bit in the last 3 years. The main cost on this project was how rough the surface is and we anticipated a double cut on the entire surface. Being in town with the castings and intersections does raise the price some but the condition of the pavement was the main factor. A rough estimate for grinding pricing for WIDOT projects we have been bidding for single cut has been in the \$7.5-8.00 range depending on the roughness and type of aggregate for quantities in this range. We were lower than this on this project because it fell in a time frame where we had a hole in our schedule and were going to be grinding on a project not far away. I think if you reduce the quantities and rebid it will most likely raise your SY cost will be higher than what you received this time. The small quantities require a substantial addition to grinding price because mobilizing grinders is a large percentage of grinding company costs since we are all coming from a long distance. Most of the grinding contractors work throughout the country so our equipment is usually not coming from our home office most of the time. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and let me know when you decide what the rebid date will be. Thanks, Paul

Paul Cink

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Hi Paul,

We only had \$150,000 in the budget, so the bid was about \$90K over budget. So, I highly doubt that it will be awarded as bid.

We have not bid a diamond grinding contract in the past 15 years or more, so it looks like we under estimated the costs quite a bit.

Was your price pretty normal for most diamond grinding projects or was it a bit higher than normal because of all the manhole structures and due to the poor condition of the roadway?? We know that the road is not in good shape and that reconstruction would be the preferred option. However, we had hoped that diamond grinding could maybe buy us another 10 years.

We still need to meet with the Mayor and Finance Director to make a decision whether we will re-bid the project with reduced quantities (shorten up the limits) or if we will just wait until next year to do the work.

Sorry I do not have a final answer yet.

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Good Morning Greg. I am just reaching out to see if you know when this will be awarded or if anything is needed from us since we haven't heard anything since the letting. Please let me know if need anything or have an update. Thanks, Paul

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