

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Olivia Covert, Project Engineer

**DATE:** February 17, 2026

**SUBJECT:** **Recommendation for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program**

### Request

Approve a resolution for the award of Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program.

### Background

Since the Spring of 2022, over 12.5 miles of sidewalks have been installed in accordance with the City Council's directive of having a sidewalk on at least one side of every street in Wheaton. Additionally, the City's Comprehensive Plan establishes a goal to provide full connectivity of pedestrian facilities by completing the sidewalk network. The survey and design of the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program will be completed by a professional engineering consultant. Staff recommend completing one new sidewalk program every year in order to meet the Council's goal in meeting this objective in 2027.

### Scope of Work

The project scope includes surveying and design of approximately 14,000 linear feet (2.65 miles) of sidewalk for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program. Construction of the project is intended to be awarded in July 2026, with work to begin in August. The following list contains 26 locations where sidewalks will be surveyed and designed for construction.

#	Street	From	To	Approximate Length (LF)
1	Bridle Lane	Washington Street	Driving Park Road	935
2	Martingale Road	Driving Park Road	Bridle Lane	625
3	Forest Avenue	1410 Forest Ave	Kingston Street	815
4	Glencoe Street	College Avenue	1006 Glencoe Street	180
5	North Path	Cherry Street	President Street	590
6	Webster Avenue	Harrison Avenue	University Place	1,270
7	Thomas Road	Stoddard Avenue	Summit Street	620
8	Prospect Street	Hill Avenue	422 Prospect Street	175
9	Wood Street	Hill Avenue	Avery Avenue	550
10	Wood Street	1520 Avery Avenue	Harwarden Street	170
11	Harwarden Street	Kellogg Place	Williston Street	300
12	Hawthorne Boulevard	Gary Avenue	Morse Street	1,150
13	Fanchon Street	Hawthorne Boulevard	City Limits	415
14	Purnell Street	Hawthorne Boulevard	City Limits	485



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15	N Carlton Avenue	Hawthorne Boulevard	1322-1329 N Carlton Avenue	515
16	Morse Street	Hawthorne Boulevard	End	520
17	Thomas Road	ON059 Purnell Street	Papworth Street	1,200
18	W Prairie Avenue	West Street	End	735
19	Circle Avenue	Carlton Avenue	Carlton Avenue	610
20	Coolidge Avenue	President Street	Williston Street	610
21	Williston Street	1121 Elm Street	Coolidge Avenue	500
22	Chase Street	IL 38	Pershing Ave	130
23	Campbell Court	End	Campbell Avenue	110
24	Belleau Woods Drive	McCormick Place	2160 Belleau Woods Drive	145
25	Bates Street	Manchester Road	161 & 180 Bates Street	300
26	Lincoln Avenue	End	915 Lincoln Avenue	345

### Procurement Results

The City received eight (8) proposals from the following vendors:

Vendor	Amount
Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd.	\$ 93,800.00
Valdes Architecture & Engineering	\$106,953.00
Bodwé-WBK Engineering, LLC	\$119,604.24
Chastain & Associates, LLC	\$126,226.38
Trotter and Associates, Inc.	\$165,372.00
GSG Consultants, Inc.	\$179,560.00
The Will Group, Inc.	\$196,000.00
Engineering Resource Associates, Inc.	\$196,200.00

All proposals were reviewed by Engineering staff using the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) method for evaluation, as is required for the use of motor fuel tax (MFT) funds for this project.

Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd. was determined by staff to be the most advantageous for the City to perform this work due to their ability to meet the schedule, qualifications, and proposed cost. Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd. is fully qualified to perform this type of work and has the required design and IDOT and MFT permitting experience needed to complete the project. Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd. has performed Professional Engineering Services on previous City sidewalk programs to the satisfaction of City Staff.

### Procurement Review

Procurement staff reviewed the bid from Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd. for conformity with the City's terms and conditions and insurance requirements. Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd. is compliant with the proposal requirements.

### Budget Impact

The City budgeted \$150,000 in the Capital Projects Fund for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program. The bid for the project is \$93,800, which is \$56,200 (or -37.5%) under budget.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of Agreement No. 596 with Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd. for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program for a total amount not to exceed \$93,800 and a 10% contingency.

The agreement, RFP package, and responses are on file in the City Clerk's office and available for review.

**RESOLUTION R-2026-**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT NO. 596  
WITH WEBSTER, MCGRATH & AHLBERG, LTD. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE  
2026 FALL SIDEWALK PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$93,800 AND A 10%  
CONTINGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheaton, Illinois, ("City") is an Illinois home rule municipality pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and as such the City may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City solicited a Request for Proposal package (RFP Number 26-01) for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program and received and reviewed eight (8) proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, staff determined that the proposal submitted by Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd. best meets the City's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City budgeted \$93,800 in the Capital Projects Fund for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program; and

**WHEREAS**, both parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the Request for Proposal and the agreement contained in the City's RFP package for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities of the City of Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois find it reasonable and appropriate to enter into an agreement with Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd. located at 2100 Manchester Road, Suite 203, Wheaton, IL 60187 for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program for a total amount not to exceed \$93,800 and a 10% contingency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton, Illinois, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to City of Wheaton Agreement No. 596 with Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Ltd. for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Fall Sidewalk Program; and that a copy of that certain City of Wheaton Agreement No. 596 is on file with the City Clerk's office and is incorporated herein as if fully set forth as Exhibit A.

**ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent: