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Briefing Date/Time: July 28, 2025

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Subject: Marine Drive NE Restoration – Contract Award

Purpose: ☒ Information Only ☐ Decision Needed

Overview:

- This is an advisory item
- No action required
- This item will come back to the commission on August 11 for approval

Background:

The Marine Drive NE restoration project is the heavy haul freight route connecting the Port of Olympia's working waterfront to the I-5 corridor. Improvements are for the heavy haul section of the road where Marine Drive intersects with Olympia Avenue ending at the Marine Terminal Main Gate.

In 2022 the Port of Olympia's proposed project was presented to the State of Washington Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB). In May of 2023, the Port of Olympia received notification that the Marine Drive NE Restoration project received \$1,300,000 in funding through the 2023-2025 State Transportation Budget.

On March 11, 2024, the commission authorized a contract with Skilling Engineers to provide engineering design services for the reconstruction of Marine Drive NE. The design was completed in early 2025 and approved by Washington State Department of Transportation Local Programs in June of 2025.

A construction bid package for the Marine Drive NE project was published by the Port on July 7, 2025, using a formal competitive bid process. The bid period will

close on August 1, 2025. As of July 23, 2025, 41 firms have downloaded the bid package.

Documents Attached:

Link to the bid opportunity is below.

[Port of Olympia - Marine Drive Heavy Haul Freight Corridor Restoration](#)

Summary and Financial Impact:

This project has a capital budget funding totaling \$1,700,000, of which \$1,300,000 comes from the State Transportation Budget. To date the Port has spent approximately \$285,000 on this project leaving \$1,415,000 remaining in the budget.

The estimate provided by Skilling Engineers is approximately \$1,262,990 for the construction phase of this project. It is anticipated that the remaining budget will be sufficient to support the completion of the project.

Affected Parties:

- Swanton Marina & Boatworks
- Marine Terminal
- General Public

Options with Pros and Cons:

1. Approve contract award to lowest responsive bidder
Result: The Marine Drive NE project moves forward as planned and timeline for 2023-2025 State Transportation Budget will be met.
2. Do not approve contract award to lowest responsive bidder
Result: The Marine Drive NE project will not move forward as planned and the potential to lose state funding for the project.

Next Steps/Timeframe:

At the August 11, 2025, Commission meeting, Port staff will recommend Port Commission award the construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder and authorize the executive director to enter a contract with the construction firm.