

16th Street Pedestrian Mall and Transitway Council Update

Design/Build Contract and Intergovernmental Agreement to Accept CDOT/DRCOG Project Funds

After a decade of community engagement, input and planning, the City and County of Denver has selected PCL Construction Services as the design/build firm for the 16th Street Mall Improvement Project following an evaluation of proposals submitted in September by shortlisted firms.

The City will be bringing two items forward for City Council approval:

- A contract for design/build services with PCL Construction Services
- An intergovernmental agreement with CDOT to accept \$20 million in regional transportation funds previously secured through DRCOG with support from City Council

Project Background

- The 16th St. Pedestrian Mall and Transitway is one of most successful pedestrian malls in the nation, the most popular shopping and entertainment destination for visitors to Metro Denver, transports up to 40,000 riders a day via the free MallRide shuttle, and is a significant economic asset, generating nearly \$75 million in taxes for the city and Denver Public Schools annually.
- The original 13-block Mall, from Broadway to Market St., was designed for a 30-year lifespan. The Mall is approaching 39 years of use without major improvements.
- The city is using city dollars to leverage more than \$38 million of federal, state, and local funding partnerships to improve this asset for the next 40 years or more.
- Full reconstruction of the Mall from Market St. to Broadway will:
 - address deteriorating infrastructure to reduce maintenance costs, improve pedestrian safety, and minimize disruptions to the transit system, while maintaining the historic character of the Mall
 - provide a new, realigned and consolidated transit way
 - include wider pedestrian walkways and new amenity zones
 - replace the granite pavement system, providing improved drainage and surface friction
 - upgrade and provide additional historical lighting
 - replace and expand tree canopy
 - include cross street improvements
 - and integrates Public Life elements throughout the mall

Contract Details

Selected Design/Build Contractor:	PCL Construction Services
Contract Term:	April 2021 - 2024
D/B Contract Amount:	Under Negotiation
DBE Requirements:	18% Design, 17% Construction
Workforce:	Construction Career Program Requirements

Economic Impacts

- At a time of unemployment not seen since the Great Depression, this project will support an estimated 1,843 jobs – the majority in skilled trades, including hundreds of apprenticeship and job training opportunities for Denver residents currently out of work.
- The average salary for jobs through this project ranges from \$23/hour to \$57/hour depending on the trade.
- Overall - the Mall reconstruction project will put around \$155.7 million into the pockets of our workforce and generate more than \$379.5 million in estimated sales.
- To support businesses during construction, the city has set aside \$300,000 in the 2021 budget and will consider additional support as construction gets underway.
- The restoration of the Mall will mean \$4B in regional economic impact – which we need to help with economic recovery from the pandemic.