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## Memorandum 22-063

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
FROM: Janette Keiser, PE, Director of Public Works  
DATE: March 30, 2022  
SUBJECT: Awarding contract for design of Ben Walters Lane Sidewalk

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**I. Issue:** The purpose of this Memorandum is to recommend that the City Council award a contract for the design of the Ben Walters Lane Sidewalk to HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC.

### II. Background

Homer's FY 22 /23 Capital Improvement Plan includes funding for the design of a sidewalk on one side of Ben Walters Lane. The intent is to design the sidewalk this year and build it next year. The primary challenges with this project are (1) determining which side of the road would most cost effectively accommodate the sidewalk and (b) determining the best solution for addressing drainage. Funding is from the HART Roads Fund.

I invited Kinney Engineering, LLC and HDL Engineering Consultants LLC, two civil engineering firms, with which the City has Term Contracts, to submit proposals for the sidewalk design. Both of these firms are highly experienced and well qualified to perform for the work. I invited them to submit proposals to see whether there was much difference in how the firms would approach this project. Both firms submitted proposals identifying how they would approach their work and what the level of effort for such work would be. This was not a "low bid" selection process<sup>1</sup>. That being said, cost was considered in that we were looking "best value"; that is, the proposal that identified the scope of services we needed at a reasonable cost. Public Works selected HDL's proposal as the "best value".

### III. Recommendation

That the City Council pass the proposed resolution awarding the engineering design contract to HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC in the Not to Exceed amount of \$73,436.

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<sup>1</sup> Under HCC 3.16.060, procurement of architect-engineer services is an exception to bidding requirements.