

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for New Streetlights on Railroad Avenue, IFB No. 2026-01

FROM: David Massa, Manager of Capital Projects and Fleet

DATE: August 24, 2026

Action Requested

Refer Resolution 37-2026 to the Board of Directors for approval, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Mike Brown Electric Co. for the New Streetlights on Railroad Avenue project, IFB No. 2026-01, in the amount of \$98,085.00, plus a 10% contingency for unforeseen field conditions, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$107,894.00.

Background

The project will greatly improve lighting in the court at the east end of Railroad Avenue, near LAVTA's Transit Center exit in Livermore, enhancing rider safety, by replacing the sole existing luminaire with four new streetlights, poles, foundations, LED fixtures, and associated conduit and wiring. This is a critical pedestrian pathway, connecting riders transferring from local routes 10R, 14, 15, 18, 20X and 580X to the 30R, which stops on Railroad Court. This project is part of a greater effort to improve the amenities at the Livermore Transit Center.

Discussion

LAVTA's Procurement Policy, including applicable requirements for federally funded projects, mandates that the Authority follow a competitive procurement process for the award of significant construction contracts and award such contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

On June 10, 2026, LAVTA issued Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 2026-01 for the New Streetlights on Railroad Avenue Project. The solicitation invited qualified contractors to submit bids based on the project plans and specifications developed by LAVTA's project engineer, Kimley-Horn.

The IFB was publicly advertised in accordance with LAVTA's Procurement Policy and applicable provisions of the California Public Contract Code. The solicitation documents included detailed specifications for the installation of new streetlights along Railroad Avenue, bidder qualification requirements, bonding requirements, and standard contract terms and conditions. The project was posted on LAVTA's Bonfire online procurement portal and advertised in Transit Talent to ensure broad vendor outreach.

The solicitation was open to the public from June 10, 2026, through July 24, 2026, a period of 44 days, providing interested contractors ample opportunity to review the project requirements and prepare responsive bids. A highly recommended pre-bid meeting and site walkthrough was held on June 25, 2026, to provide prospective bidders with an overview of the project scope, project requirements, and existing site conditions.

Bids were due on July 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., and a total of six (6) bids were received by the deadline. All bids were publicly opened and read aloud in accordance with LAVTA procedures.

Following the bid opening, staff conducted a comprehensive review of all submissions to determine responsiveness to the IFB requirements. This review included verification of the completeness of bid forms, acknowledgment of addenda, contractor licensing, bonding documentation, and compliance with the technical specifications outlined in the solicitation.

The responding firms were:

Company Name	Location	Grand Total Amount
Bay Area Lightworks, Inc.	San Francisco, CA	\$134,250.00
Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc.	Alviso, CA	\$141,720.00
Columbia Electric, Inc.	San Leandro, CA	\$136,840.00
Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc	Chino, CA	\$168,490.00
Mike Brown Electric Co	Cotati, CA	\$98,085.00
W. Bradley Electric, LLC	Novato, CA	\$106,381.00

Upon completion of the responsiveness review, Mike Brown Electric Co. of Cotati, California, the lowest bidder, was evaluated and found to be responsive and responsible by LAVTA staff. The firm submitted a bid in the amount of \$98,085.00 and demonstrated the necessary qualifications, experience, and capacity to successfully perform the work in accordance with the project plans and specifications.

Staff verified that Mike Brown Electric Co. possesses the appropriate contractor licensing and bonding capacity required for the project. References and experience with similar electrical infrastructure and streetlighting projects were reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

Mike Brown Electric Co. has affirmed its ability to comply with all contract requirements, including applicable labor, licensing, and bonding requirements. Based on the results of the competitive procurement process and staff's evaluation of bidder responsiveness and responsibility, Mike Brown Electric Co. is recommended for award of the contract for the New Streetlights on Railroad Avenue Project.

Kimley-Horn's final design Opinion of Probable Construction Costs, estimated construction costs at \$259,920.00, including a 20% contingency. All six bids came in below this estimate, ranging from \$98,085.00 (Mike Brown Electric Co.) to \$168,490.00 (Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc.), with an average bid of \$130,961.00. Mike Brown Electric Co.'s bid of \$98,085.00 is approximately 62% below the engineer's estimate.

Fiscal Impact

Mike Brown Electric Co.'s bid totals \$98,085.00. Staff recommend a 10% contingency (\$9,809) for unforeseen field conditions, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$107,894.00.

The project is funded by an FTA 5339 Discretionary grant paired with TDA local match which is included in the FY 2027 capital budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the Finance and Administration Committee refer Resolution 37-2026 to the Board of Directors for approval, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Mike Brown Electric Co. for the New Streetlights on Railroad Avenue project, IFB No. 2026-01, in the amount of \$98,085.00, plus a 10% contingency, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$107,894.00.

Strategic Plan Goal

Operational Effectiveness

Attachments:

1. Resolution 37-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2026
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH
MIKE BROWN ELECTRIC CO. FOR THE NEW STREETLIGHTS ON RAILROAD
AVENUE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) is undertaking the New Streetlights on Railroad Avenue project, IFB No. 2026-01, to improve lighting in the court at the east end of Railroad Avenue, near LAVTA's Transit Center exit in Livermore, enhancing rider safety, by replacing the sole existing luminaire with four new streetlights, poles, foundations, LED fixtures, and associated conduit and wiring; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2026, LAVTA issued Invitation for Bids No. 2026-01 for construction of the project, held a pre-bid conference and job walk on June 25, 2026, and issued two addenda in response to bidder questions; and

WHEREAS, LAVTA received multiple bids in response to the IFB, and Mike Brown Electric Co. of Cotati, California submitted the lowest bid, in the amount of \$98,085.00, and was determined by staff and legal to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown Electric Co. holds a valid California contractor's license, is registered with the Department of Industrial Relations, and has 51 years of experience on comparable public works projects ranging from \$221,511 to \$1,965,674; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends awarding a contract to Mike Brown Electric Co. in the amount of \$98,085.00, plus a 10% contingency for unforeseen field conditions, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$107,894.00; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project is available from FTA grant funds included in the FY 2027 capital budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with Mike Brown Electric Co. for the New Streetlights on Railroad Avenue project, IFB No. 2026-01, in the amount of \$98,085.00, in a form approved by legal counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized to spend 10% (\$9,809) in contingency, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$107,894.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of September 2026.

Dave Haubert, Chair

ATTEST:

Christy Wegener, Executive Director