

November 18, 2022

Railroad Quiet Zone Improvements – Center and South Street  
LJA Project No.: 2173-2202  
TxDOT CSJ: 0016-17-015  
State Project #CC 16-17-015

Jo Ann Garcia  
Project Manager  
City of Kyle  
Public Works  
100 West Center Street  
Kyle, TX 78640

Dear Mrs. Garcia,

The City of Kyle received 1 bid for the above project on November 15, 2022. LJA Engineering, Inc. has reviewed the bid received and has compiled the following:

	Contractor	Bid Bond Information	Qualifications Statement	Addenda Acknowledged	Base Bid
1	Aaron Concrete Contractors,,LP	YES	YES	YES	
	Center Street (Original)				\$137,795.50
	Center Street (Revised due to Typo error)				\$132,968.00
	South Street				\$138,968.00

After review of the bid tabulations, LJA Engineering, Inc. (LJA) found a total project bid error for Center Street. We have contacted Aaron Concrete to review our findings. In an email of 11/16/2022, Aaron Concrete confirmed there was an error and has revised their bid for Center Street to \$132,795.50 (\$5,000 reduction).

In addition we had an issue with the contractor's unit costing for the Flowable Backfill (Option 1). We felt the unit price was quite a bit higher than our estimate. LJA asked Aaron for a written justification for the pricing variance to which they emailed the reply.

*"Flowable Fill Justification:*

*The reason for the extreme unit cost is that this is the only item that is associated with that work. Not only does it have \$190.00/CY flowable fill (due to all of the short runs we will have to get the several short loads). It has all of the sawing of existing pavement, actual excavation under the curb area, haul off of all excavated materials and the steel plating of the excavated area after pouring.*

*The reason TXDOT's average low bid pricing is so much lower is that it is usually associated with storm sewer pay items. There is more items to absorb all of the costs associated with the flowable fill."*

Also, according to phone conversation of 11//18/2022, mobilization charges are include in some of the bid items applied which justifies why some unit cost are much higher than LJA's estimate.

After review of the bid tabulations, issues and previous successful work for the City of Kyle, LJA Engineering, Inc. recommends award of the Railroad Quiet Zone Improvements – Center and South Street to **Aaron Concrete Contractors, LP.**

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate contact me at 303-547-4956 or e-mail me at [bgondron@ljarail.com](mailto:bgondron@ljarail.com).

Sincerely,

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