



# FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** September 4, 2024  
**PREPARED FOR:** Mayor and Town Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Loren Umbertis, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution Rejecting all Bids for the 2024 Slurry Seal Project and Re-issue a Notice Inviting Bids.

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## RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution by the Town Council to Reject all Bids for the 2024 Slurry Seal Project and re-issue a Notice Inviting Bids.

## BACKGROUND

On [January 24, 2024](#), the Fairfax Town Council was presented a Five-Year Plan for road improvements. The Year 1 plan focused on applying slurry seal to several streets within the Town to prolong their usable life. Working with Pavement Engineering Inc, the project was estimated to cost approximately \$550,000. A Notice Inviting Bids was issued in late July 2024, with a bid deadline of August 13, 2024.

## DISCUSSION

Three bids were received, with the lowest bid from VSS International at \$937,000, far exceeding the budgeted amount. Given the significant disparity between the bids and the engineer's estimate, and considering the inability to adjust bids post-opening, staff recommends rejecting all bids. This approach will allow for a comprehensive review of the project scope to align with budget constraints.

Re-issuing a Notice Inviting Bids at a later date is the most prudent course of action to ensure fiscal responsibility. With this, staff anticipates scheduling the work for Spring and Summer 2025.

Bid results:

VSS International	\$937,000
Always Paving Inc	\$1,193,318
Pavement Coatings Inc	\$1,292,129

## FISCAL IMPACT

Rejecting all bids will not incur any immediate additional costs. However, re-evaluating the project and re-issuing a Notice Inviting Bids will require additional funding. The original contract has remaining funds available that will cover approximately \$3500. It is anticipated that approximately \$1500 in additional funding may be necessary for the efforts involved in value engineering and re-bidding efforts.

## ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE 2024 SLURRY SEAL PROJECT AND DIRECTING STAFF TO RE-ISSUE A NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2024, the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax was presented with a Five-Year Road Improvement Plan, which included slurry seal application on various streets and roads within the Town as part of Year 1 of the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fairfax, in cooperation with Pavement Engineering Inc., developed a project scope and construction estimates, which anticipated the total project cost to be approximately \$550,000; and

**WHEREAS**, a Notice Inviting Bids was issued in late July 2024, with a bid deadline of August 13, 2024, for the 2024 Slurry Seal Project; and

**WHEREAS**, three bids were received, with the lowest bid from VSS International in the amount of \$937,000, which significantly exceeds the engineer's estimate and the budgeted amount for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to reject all bids to allow for a comprehensive review of the project scope, aligning it with the Town's budget and fiscal policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council further finds that re-issuing the Notice Inviting Bids at a later date will ensure that the project is executed within the Town's financial means, with the anticipated scheduling of work for Spring and Summer of 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax as follows:

1. **The Town Council hereby rejects all bids** received for the 2024 Slurry Seal Project.
2. **The Town Council directs staff** to review the project scope, in consultation with Pavement Engineering Inc., to identify potential cost-saving measures and value engineering opportunities.
3. **The Town Council further directs staff** to re-issue a Notice Inviting Bids for the revised project scope, with the intention of scheduling the work for Spring and Summer of 2025.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax at a regular meeting held on the 4th day of September 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

ATTEST

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BARBARA COLER  
MAYOR OF FAIRFAX

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CHRISTINE FOSTER  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK