



Snohomish County Walkways in Neighborhoods (WIN) Sidewalk Project



Key Project Factors: Limited staff resources, time constraints, coordination with USPS

Owner: Snohomish County, Washington

Project Scope

- Construct approximately 550 LF of sidewalk, curb and gutter to fill in three sidewalk gaps on 6th Ave W.
- Work included tight-lining ditches and installing catch basins, tree removal and protection, fence removal and replacement, coordination with USPS to remove and replace mail box, installation of accessible pedestrian facilities and critical area mitigation.

Contractor: FORMA Construction

Project Cost: \$307,679

Timeframe

Purchase Order Issued: January 2017
Construction Completed: March 2017

Challenge

Snohomish County Council member, Terry Ryan, proposed a Walkways in Neighborhoods (WIN) program to accelerate filling in sidewalk gaps within urban areas most affected by population growth. Funded by a 1% increase in the County Road Fund, the program sets aside an additional \$575,000 per year for sidewalk construction and maintenance.

"Sidewalk connections are a safety and quality of life issue," said Ryan. "This fund will help pedestrians move safely between neighborhoods and our schools."

When it came time to plan the first WIN sidewalk, 6th Ave W, the county quickly realized that staff limitations and the time it would take to put the project out for bid was turning this important and seemingly simple project into a resource burden.

Solution

Traditional design-bid-build (DBB) procurement methods would not work within the time constraints for this project, so Snohomish County searched out an alternative.



Based on the sidewalk's job size and scope, the county's project management, purchasing and engineering services departments determined Job Order Contracting would be best suited to streamline the process and help ensure the project was completed on time and on budget.

Results

The gaps in the pedestrian network on both sides of 6th Ave W, between 170th Place SW and 164th Street SW, were successfully filled with approximately 550 linear feet of sidewalk, curb and gutter. Job Order Contracting was proven to save time, improve contractor collaboration and maximize staff resources. Due to the success of the 6th Ave W project, Job Order Contracting is the procurement method of choice for the remaining WIN sidewalk updates and construction.

"I look forward to additional successful sidewalk projects to improve the safety for our residents," added Ryan.

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