

# OPEN 5 MILLION IN EXPRESSWAY PROJECT BIDS

## Contracts to Be Given Late This Month

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The Cook county board opened bids yesterday on 5 million dollars worth of expressway projects. The contracts probably will be awarded late this month, with construction to start promptly.

The board also approved 2 millions dollars worth of road work, aside from expressway jobs, for inclusion in the 1953 program. These were substitutes for projects which could not be started this year.

### Low Bids Listed

Congress st. expressway jobs, with the apparent low bids, were:

Drainage between Central and Cicero avs., \$798,657, Kenny Construction company; paving, 1st to 12th av., Maywood, \$1,036,049, Robert R. Anderson company and Milburn Brothers; paving, 12th to 21st av., Maywood, \$814,847, Peter J. Crowley company; paving, 21st av. to Addison creek bridge, \$1,327,402, Arcole Midwest corporation; Homan av. grade separation, \$285,819, Thomas McQueen company; Keeler av. grade separation, \$224,410, Arcole Midwest corporation, and removal of structures in Congress right of way between Laramie av. and the Belt railroad, \$42,350, Russell Brothers Excavating Contractors.

Low bids on a grade separation for 130th st. over the Michigan Central and the Kensington and Eastern railroad tracks were: Substructure, \$198,842, Superior Concrete Construction company, and superstructure, \$159,999, Allied Structural Steel company.

### Bids in Resurfacing

Low bids on two resurfacing jobs were:

Ridgeland and Narragansett avs. between Roosevelt rd. and Grand av., \$132,057, Leininger Construction company; 127th st., from 80th av. to Calumet Sag rd., \$94,067, Gallagher Asphalt company.

Frenzel Brothers company was the apparent low bidder at \$42,000 for building an equestrian underpass under Devon av. at Dee rd.

Jobs added to the 1953 program by the board call for 27½ miles of street resurfacing in Chicago and suburbs and for building three bridges, a grade separation, and a culvert at a total cost of \$2,369,000. The projects and their estimated costs are:

Dundee rd., between route 59 and Milwaukee av., 13 miles, resurfacing and widening, \$572,000; Burnham av., 160th st. to 106th st., in Chicago and Calumet City, 7 miles, resurfacing, \$340,000; East End av., Steger rd. to Lincoln hwy., resurfacing 1.8 miles in Steger, South Chicago Heights, and Chicago Heights, \$63,000; Joe Orr rd., Western av. to Halsted st., 1 mile resurfacing, in Chicago Heights and the unincorporated area, \$44,000; 31st st., 17th av. to Desplaines av., in Brookfield and Riverside, 1.5 miles of resurfacing, \$66,000; Gilbert av., 47th st. to Ogden av., in Western Springs and La Grange, 1.2 miles of resurfacing, \$35,000; Union av., Garfield blvd. to Pershing rd., Chicago, 2 miles of resurfacing, \$85,000; bridge over Salt creek at 25th av., in the forest preserves, \$163,000; bridge over Addison creek, at 25th av., Broadview, \$193,000; grade separation over the I. C. tracks at 25th av., Broadview, \$578,000; bridge over the north shore channel [sanitary district canal] at Oakton st., \$200,000, and culvert in Flossmoor rd., at Ridgeland av., \$30,000.

The board also opened bids for \$600,000 worth of materials for road buildings and maintenance.