

# Bellingham Council Approves \$1.16 million bid for W. Illinois St. Extension

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BELLINGHAM - City leaders voted to hire Burlington-based Interwest Construction to extend West Illinois Street to the west to connect with Marine Drive.

The council on Monday, Feb. 22, voted 7-0 to approve the company's \$1.16 million bid, which was 51 percent below what the engineer estimated construction would cost.

The project, which could start in late March or early April and end by November, will create a new front entrance for nearby Bellingham Technical College and Morse Steel.