



RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAFT STREET WATER PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,212,000 – WORK ORDER NO. 1720790

ISSUE:

Consider approval of Work Order No. 1720790 in the total amount of \$1,212,000 for all engineering, construction, paving and construction contingency costs for the Taft Street Water Pipeline Replacement Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Utilities approve Work Order No. 1720790 in the total amount of \$1,212,000 for all engineering, construction, paving and construction contingency costs for the Taft Street Water Pipeline Replacement Project.

BACKGROUND:

Water Division staff budget and schedule the replacement of water distribution pipelines annually based on several factors using a Business Risk Exposure (BRE) model that considers pipeline age, material, maintenance records, and the criticality of each pipeline segment of the water distribution system. The BRE model has proven valuable in identifying and prioritizing water main replacement projects. Water staff presented the use and functionality of the BRE to the Board of Public Utilities Water Committee on October 13, 2021.

The subject project is part of an ongoing water main replacement program to replace old and high-priority water mains. The project area consists of 4-inch steel water pipelines installed in 1909. The pipelines have experienced fifteen reported leaks, of which twelve have occurred since 2005. These water pipelines rank high for replacement based on their leak history, age, material, and size. Replacing these pipelines ensures continued water system reliability.

DISCUSSION:

The work generally entails the construction of approximately 1,400 linear feet of 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipeline, forty-six (46) water services, four (4) fire hydrants, and two (2) system connections, along with all necessary fittings, appurtenances, and related incidental work, which will be installed according to RPU's current standards. As provided in Resolution No. 15507, the Water Division's field forces will construct the work. Other than routine service tie-overs, there will be no

disruption of service.

Once the new water mains are installed, the Public Utilities Department (RPU) will be responsible for standard trench repaving in accordance with the Public Works Department (PW) standards. PW may perform trench repaving for pipeline projects constructed by the Water Division’s field forces. However, if the backlog of PW projects precludes the pipeline paving from occurring on schedule, staff will solicit paving bids from RPU’s Paving Contractor Panel (Panel). A budgetary estimate for the paving work has been included in this authorization.

Water Division staff have coordinated with PW regarding allowable working hours for this project. The work will occur during normal daytime work hours. Staff are coordinating with the City Manager’s Office/Office of Communications Division to establish a project informational website. Additionally, a notification letter will be mailed to customers within the surrounding area upon approval of the project. Staff will continue to reach out directly to customers within the vicinity of the project throughout the project duration.

The project/fiscal breakdown is as follows:

Project and Fiscal Breakdown					
Work Type:	Performed By:		Amount:	Percent of Total:	
Design and Survey	Internal Staff		\$39,638	3.3%	
Geotechnical Investigation	Converse Consultants		\$7,262	0.6%	
Construction	RPU Water Field Forces	Labor	\$191,000	\$491,000	40.5%
		Equipment	\$74,000		
		Materials	\$226,000		
Paving Budget	PW or Paving Contractor		\$500,000	41.2%	
Construction Management, Inspection and Engineering Support	Internal Staff		\$50,000	4.1%	
Soil Compaction and Material Testing	Outside Vendor, Informal Procurement		\$25,000	2.1%	
Construction Contingencies	N/A		\$99,100	8.2%	
Work Order Total:			\$1,212,000	100.0%	
Reimbursements:	None				
Anticipated Start Date:	October 2024				
Anticipated Duration:	4 Months				

The table above identifies the type of work, who will perform the work and the estimated cost for each category. If needed, additional services valued at more than \$50,000 will be solicited using the formal procurement process and brought before the Board of Public Utilities for consideration and action.

City Charter section 1109 provides that “The City Council, without advertising for bids, or after rejecting bids, or if no bids are received, may declare and determine that, in its opinion, based on estimates approved by the City Manager, the work in question may be performed better or more economically by the City with its own employees or the supplies or materials may be purchased more economically on the open market, and after the adoption of a resolution to that effect by at least five affirmative votes of the City Council may proceed to have said work done or said supplies or materials purchased in the manner stated, without further observance of the provisions of this section.” The City Council adopted Resolution number 15507 excepting certain work from the competitive bidding requirements of Charter section 1109, including “The extension and development including construction, replacement and relocation of the distribution system, consisting of all water mains 12 inches in diameter and smaller, together with appurtenances including fire hydrants, valves, fittings, service laterals and meters.”

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority No. 6 Infrastructure, Mobility and Connectivity** and Goal No. 6.2 – Maintain, protect, and improve assets and infrastructure within the City’s built environment to ensure and enhance reliability, resiliency, sustainability, and facilitate connectivity.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – A public facing project website will be deployed for this project conveying key information about the project to the community.
2. **Equity** – RPU endeavors to provide safe and reliable water service to all its customers. Since RPU’s water system is an interconnected network, investments made in individual parts of the system improve the reliability of the overall system, thereby providing an equitable benefit to all customers.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – RPU is a prudent steward of public funds and uses efficient practices to complete its work while also providing quality public services.
4. **Innovation** – A collaborative and innovative approach was used to relocate the conflicting water facilities in such a way to minimize potential disruptions to the community in the future.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The construction materials specified for this project are considered best practices in the industry and are expected to last well into the future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total project cost is estimated at \$1,212,000. Sufficient funds are available in the Public Utilities’ Water Main Replacement Account No. 6230000-470707.

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Attachments:

1. Project Location Map
2. Resolution No. 15507
3. Presentation