



ITEM REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 5/6/2026
Agenda Section: Information Only

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: 2025 Design Road & TH 371 Stormwater Improvements Project Monthly Update

Approval Required: No Action Required

BACKGROUND

The project reached substantial completion as of October 24th, 2025. The contractor has completed all the required planned items. A punch list walk through was conducted on October 22nd. Since then, the contractor completed as many punch list items as they could and will complete any remaining items in the spring. The contract will remain open until final turf establishment has been reached. There is additional seeding quantities added to the project budget for additional seeding in the spring if required. Widseth will be reviewing the turf as the weather starts to warm up.

Widseth has been working with MnDOT and JR Ferche on Change Order #3. JR Ferche has been requested to make additional changes to the change order. It is anticipated to have the edits completed in the coming weeks. City Staff and Widseth will review the Change Order to determine if it will be brought back through the Utility Commission for review. This is the same Change Order the Utility Commission reviewed in October of 2025. With the edits requested of JR Ferche, it would potentially bring down the Change Order cost. The items being reviewed are the following.

1. Equipment rates are too high.
2. Labor rates are too high.
3. Material costs are hard to follow in the invoicing.
4. Support equipment idle time should not be paid.
5. Miscellaneous items such as rags, tape , cleaners, nuts and bolts etc. should not be paid.

Widseth reviewed the punch list with J.R. Ferche on 4/24/26. Ferche plans to start working on the remaining items the week of April 27th. The remaining items are centered around site clean up and turf establishment. There are a number of areas where additional topsoil is needed. These areas will need to be reseeded. Widseth is also coordinating with Charter on their site clean-up. Charter completed a relocation on the south side of the roadway and significant restoration is required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

