



ITEM REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 3/4/2026
Agenda Section: Information Only

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Evergreen Drive Improvements and Southeast Baxter Stormwater Overflow Improvements Project Monthly Update

Approval Required: No Action Required

BACKGROUND

In January 2026, the City submitted a Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) program fiscal year 2029 application for Phase 2 (CSAH 48 to Hastings Road/Douglas Fir Drive stormwater basin) to the Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-3). The City was informed they were the only applicants for the estimated \$640,000 available in fiscal year 2029 and 2030 (\$1,280,000 total).

City staff met with MnDOT representatives on Thursday, February 12, 2026, to discuss funding options for the remaining phases of the Southeast Baxter Stormwater Overflow project. MnDOT indicated the ATP-3 may be open to funding Phase 4 of the project. This would be accomplished by modifying the existing application or submitting a second application. MnDOT said additional funding for the project would be discussed at the April ATP-3 meeting.

MnDOT indicated they would need assurance the proposed 24” pipe overflow was adequately sized before they would recommend funding of the project through the PROTECT program which will require hydraulic modeling of the system. Widseth has submitted a proposal to complete the required modeling which is included for action under the Business Items portion of the agenda.

The current project budget, based on the PROTECT Grant application, is \$2,432,875. Current expenditures are \$123,089.66 for engineering, wetland delineation, topographic survey, wetland replacement and PROTECT grant application assistance completed to date.

EXPENSE ITEM	CURRENT PROJECT BUDGET	CURRENT EXPENDITURES	PROJECTED FINAL PROJECT COSTS
CONSTRUCTION	\$1,942,900.00		\$1,942,900.00
ENGINEERING			
FEASIBILITY REPORT	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
FEASIBILITY REPORT AMENDMENT	\$14,570.00	\$14,570.00	\$14,570.00
WETLAND DELINEATION	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY	\$27,900.00	\$27,900.00	\$27,900.00
WETLAND REPLACEMENT	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
WETLAND REPLACEMENT PURCHASE	\$15,299.66	\$15,299.66	\$15,299.66
DESIGN	\$155,400.00	\$37,070.00	\$155,400.00
PROTECT APPLICATION	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00
CONSTRUCTION (ESTIMATED)	\$73,694.34		\$73,694.34
LEGAL, FINANCE, ADMIN AND OTHER COSTS (9%):	\$174,861.00		\$174,861.00
TOTALS	\$2,432,875.00	\$123,089.66	\$2,432,875.00

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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