



## REQUEST FOR ACTION UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 3/4/2026  
Agenda Section: Other Business

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**Department Origination:** Public Works

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**Agenda Item:** Approve the Widseth Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for Hydraulic Modeling of the Southeast Baxter Stormwater Overflow System in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$7,895.00

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**Approval Required:** Simple Majority Vote

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### **BACKGROUND**

In response to staff request, Widseth has submitted the attached Proposal for modeling services related to the Southeast Baxter Stormwater Outlet project. The outlet includes a series of pipes and ditches that convey stormwater overflows from the College Road/TH 371 stormwater basin to the Mississippi River. The City completed phase one of the project from the Mississippi River to CSAH 48 in 2020.

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 proposes to perform the hydraulic modeling scope of services outlined in their proposal for the **Not to Exceed Amount of \$7,895**. Widseth is prepared to begin work immediately after issuance of the notice to proceed.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding for the project will come from a combination of – City to finish this portion

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends approval of the Widseth proposal. Spending an additional \$7,895.00 in engineering could give Baxter access to the entire \$1,280,000 in funding available in fiscal year's 2029 and 2030.

### **COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

**MOTION** to approve the Widseth Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for Hydraulic Modeling of the Southeast Baxter Stormwater Overflow System in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$7,895.00.