



ITEM REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Approve the Widseth Proposal for Professional Design and Bidding Related Engineering Services in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$62,340.00 for the TH 371 and TH 210 Interchange Project.

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

In response to staff request, Widseth has submitted the attached proposal for Design and Bidding related services for utility modifications related to the TH 371 and TH 210 Interchange Project. The interchange project planned for 2028 and 2029, will require removal, relocation and modifications to the existing municipal sanitary sewer and water distribution system located along TH 371.

The project will consist of the following project areas and improvements:

- Watermain Removal at TH 371 and TH 210 Interchange: Removal of existing watermain located near the TH 371 north of TH 210 interchange along with valve and piping modifications at Excelsior Road and TH 371 and the south side of TH 210 at Golf Course Drive. Improvements are outlined in attached Figure 5.
- Industrial Park Road Watermain Improvements: Steel casing pipe extensions on both sides of TH 371 as shown in Figure 6 of the proposal.
- Forcemain Improvements: Steel casing pipe extension on east side of TH 371 as shown in Figure 7 of the proposal and raising of forcemain structures along west side of TH 371.
- Sanitary Sewer removal on Fairview Road: Removal of sanitary manhole and pipe as shown in Figure 8 of the proposal.
- Split Casing Installation at Excelsior Road: MnDOT may require the installation of a split casing on the 12" watermain crossing at Excelsior Road.

The watermain removal and casing pipe extension work will be completed in 2027 with the remaining work completed in conjunction with the MnDOT interchange project in 2028 and 2029.

Widseth proposes to perform scope of services outlined in their proposal for the **Not to Exceed Amount of \$62,340**. Widseth is prepared to begin work immediately after issuance of the notice to proceed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the project will likely come from the City's Municipal State Aid Construction account as these improvements are associated with the TH 371 and TH 210 improvements. The exact funding has not been determined but there may be costs that will need to be paid from a Water or Sewer Fund. These improvements were outlined in the "Cost Summary related to the Trunk Highway 210 and 371 Baxter Overpass Project" Memorandum dated January 14, 2026, from the Public Works Director to City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approving the Widseth Proposal for Professional Design and Bidding Related Engineering Services for the TH 371 and TH 210 Interchange Project.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

MOTION to approve the Widseth Proposal for Professional Design and Bidding Related Engineering Services in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$62,340.00 for the TH 371 and TH 210 Interchange Project.