



ITEM REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 7/6/2022
Agenda Section: Information Only

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: 2023 Cypress Drive and Douglas Fir Drive Improvements Project Monthly Update

Approval Required: No Action Required

BACKGROUND

The City hired the SEH/WIDSETH team in June 2022 to deliver this 2023 City street and utility extension project. The current implementation timeline is being driven by the need to accommodate a proposed multi-building 250-unit+ apartment complex adjacent to the south side of Hinkley Road from Douglas Fir Drive to Cypress Drive, and along both sides of Cypress Drive from Hinkley Road to Highland Scenic Drive, for which the developer is responsible for a large portion of the project costs.

The City project scope includes the following improvements on Cypress Drive: street resurfacing from just south of the College Road roundabout to Hinkley Road; street and utility extensions south to CSAH 48 with street lighting improvements along the entire corridor; a 3-lane, 44-foot wide urban section street with a 10-foot wide separated bituminous trail on the east side is proposed; a separate trail extension along the north side of Hinkley Road east from Cypress Drive then north to Berrywood Park; construction of a single-lane roundabout at the CSAH 48 intersection is also proposed; and storm water improvements to an existing basin in the NE corner of the CSAH 48/future Cypress Drive intersection.

Improvements to Douglas Fir Drive include: southbound transition from existing 4-lane divided to proposed 3-lane, 44-foot wide urban section roadway across Hinkley Road to approximate 340 feet south; storm water management via an existing basin in the SW corner of the Douglas Fir Drive/Hastings Road intersection; and a water main extension along the corridor.

The proposed City project is a cooperative venture between the City of Baxter and Crow Wing County. The City is the lead agency. SEH holds the engineering contract with the City with a current scope that includes: Project Management, Preliminary Survey Services, Design Services, Bidding Services, Final Assessment Calculations and Hearing, Construction Staking, Construction Administration, Construction Observation, and Post Construction Services.

06/28/2022 Update – Scott Hedlund, SEH

This past month SEH has been working on getting contracting set up with the City.

In July, SEH will be working on design topographic survey and right of way mapping, with design work to follow.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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