



ITEM REPORT CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 8/20/2024
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Approve SEH Contract for the TH 371 Development Traffic Review in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$7,550.00

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

There is a proposed development along TH 371.

The proposed development is not expected to generate traffic demands that would change any intersection control or turn lane needs, so in SEH's opinion a full traffic impact analysis for the development is not needed. Instead, SEH will complete a traffic review of the proposed development including estimating the trips generated by the site, review of the proposed accesses for compliance with the City Comprehensive Plan/Code, and recommendations for any turn lanes on the surrounding intersections. The proposed development site plan includes a proposed access to TH 371; therefore, a review of MnDOT access management guidelines and coordination with MnDOT is expected in the review.

Currently, a study of the TH 371 Corridor from Baxter to Nisswa is ongoing. While no documentation has been developed, it is anticipated that the study will recommend safety improvements along the corridor that will include access management strategies. The proposed access is currently an existing access to the adjacent parcel; however, this is the only non-public access along TH 371 within the City of Baxter and therefore it is anticipated that MnDOT will favor access reductions rather than providing new access to the TH 371 corridor.

The SEH tasks for the project include project management, trip generation estimates, access review, and turn lane review.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications, 100% developer paid.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approving the contract for the TH 371 Development Traffic Review.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

MOTION to approve SEH contract for the TH 371 Development Traffic Review in the not to exceed amount of \$7,550.00.