



STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 13, 2024

TO: Ty Lasher, City Manager

FROM: Anne Stephens, PE, City Engineer

RE: KDOT KLBIP Agreement

BACKGROUND:

The City applied for grant funding in 2023 for assistance in removing the culvert bridge and replacing it with a box culvert that does not meet bridge criteria. The City was awarded a grant and the Agreement for this work is attached.

DISCUSSION:

KDOT considers a series of culvert pipes a bridge anytime the opening is greater than 20'. The series of culverts underneath Oliver, just south of 45th meets this criterion and is considered a bridge. This series of culverts was intended to be replaced with the 45th Street, Oliver to Woodlawn project, but when the funding opportunity came up, the City applied and was eventually awarded the grant. Garver is currently working on the design for the bridge replacement. There will be some additional engineering fees associated with breaking out the bridge into a separate set of bidding documents, but it will be significantly less than the benefits that the City is gaining from accepting the grant funds. That amendment to Garver's Engineering Services Agreement will be forth-coming.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: The cost of the improvements for this project will be financed through a general obligation bond.

POLICY DECISION: Council needs to consider entering into an agreement with KDOT in order to receive funding to offset the removal of the existing bridge structure and replace it with a non-bridge width box culvert.

RECOMENDATION: It is the recommendation of staff to enter into the agreement with KDOT for the grant funds to complete this project.