



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Gray Lahrman, Utilities Director

Council Meeting Date: 04/27/2026

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion, and possible action regarding the South Collector Sewer Line Construction Project Request for Bids

- A. Request for Bigs Package
- B. Schedule
- C. Project Funding

Agenda Item Requestor:

Summary/Background: The City of Dripping Springs is approaching capacity of its existing 15” gravity main serving all the current sewer flows from the City’s collection system. In preparation for future incoming flows from the East Interceptor and the Driftwood Golf and Ranch Club, the South Collector will take flows from the east side of our service area. The South Collector line starts north of FM150 then crossing the highway and following the City’s easement through the Cuncashca property (see attached schematic). Existing wastewater flows will also be diverted from the existing 15” gravity main to free up line capacity at some point in the future. The South Collector will terminate at the existing wastewater treatment facility, to be tied into the new headworks during the first phase of construction of the new discharge plant. Bid opening is planned for April 29, 2026, with construction to begin August 12, 2026. The estimated completion date of the project is July 26, 2027. Estimated construction costs for the South Collector are projected to total \$5,903,245.

This item will need a budget amendment and will be funded by TWDB funds

**Commission
Recommendations:**

**Recommended
Council Actions:** City Staff recommends proceeding with schedule bid opening for the South Collector Sewer Line.

Attachments: South Collector Bidding and Construction Schedule
South Collector Schematic

Next Steps/Schedule: Bid opening schedule for 5/29/26
Bid reviews by City Staff and Burgess and Niple 6/16/26
Once bids are accepted, City Council will award contract at the 7/21/26 City Council Meeting and notice of award will be provided to bidder the following day.
Construction to start 8/12/26
Construction estimated to take 48 weeks or 336 days to complete 7/26/27