



Town of Johnstown

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATION WORK SESSION

AGENDA DATE: March 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Estes Avenue Area Storm Drainage Project

ATTACHEMENTS: General Project Area Map

PRESENTED BY: Marco Carani, PW Director

The Town in 2020 completed design for the Estes Avenue Area Storm Drainage Project. The need for this project was due to localized flooding in the area. In September, 2020 Council was presented with a presentation by the Tait Engineering, the design engineer for the project providing a status and general overview of the projects planned improvements. As part of this project, the Town anticipated applying for a DOLA grant to supplement the project cost, which is estimated and budgeted at \$2,692,750. The grant the Town would pursue would be for a Tier II, \$1 million grant. Funds were budgeted and appropriated by Council in FY 2021.

The project involves the installation of a 36-inch stormwater line with multiple inlets to catch surface water in order to minimize flooding, as well as the replacement of asphalt to help direct surface flows to street gutters. The project also includes upsizing two 6-inch sewer lines to 8 inch that are located on Estes Ave. and in the alley between Fremont and Estes Ave. The reason for including the sewer line construction was to provide the cost benefit of updating all underground utilities at once prior to repaving the construction limits for the Stormwater Project. The water lines in this area were replaced ten years ago and do not need to be replaced. Expenditures were allocated as follows by fund for the project:

Fund	Amount Allocated	Anticipated Ending Fund Balance
Sewer	\$200,000	\$45,229,227**
Street & Alley	\$800,000*	\$9,280,032
Storm Drainage	\$1,693,750	\$966,554
TOTAL	\$2,692,750	\$2,692,750

*Includes the \$1 million grant

**Includes Sewer Project Bond

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As mentioned, Staff planned to apply for a Tier II grant from DOLA totaling \$1 million for this project. DOLA changed the period of the grants and the upcoming grant cycle is due September 2021 which would be awarded December 2021. Assuming a successful grant application, this would mean we would not be eligible to bid this project until about 1 year from this time. Consequently, Staff is asking Council if they would like to move this project forward using existing funds. If Council desires to move forward and accomplish this project during Spring/Summer of 2021, we can bid the project out by the end of the month. Based on estimated costs, this would change the fund balances of Town funds. Those changes would be as follows:

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As we look to the September 2021 grant cycle, we have a number of other projects that would qualify based on timing. Most notably, the Charlotte Avenue improvement project which we plan to recommend to Council a design firm at the beginning of April. Staff is requesting direction from Council on how to proceed on the Estes Avenue Storm Project – pursue the grant option or proceed now with the assumption that other grant cycles will have other project we can submit for funding consideration.