



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Jason Anderson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Project SWM-003: Legion Field Stormwater Improvements Project-Phase III – Consider Authorization to Advertise for Bids
Background Information:	<p>In 2024, the MPCA solicited project proposals to distribute \$35M to communities for projects to prepare local stormwater infrastructure for the impacts of climate change. The intent of the funding is specifically identified to address water quantity and prevent localized flooding.</p> <p>Per the MPCA, extreme storms have pushed aging and undersized stormwater systems in communities across the state to the breaking point. Over the last 20 years, Minnesota has experienced 10 “mega-rain” events, when at least six inches of rain falls over an area of at least 1,000 square miles.</p> <p>At that time, City staff had identified the Legion Field Stormwater Improvements—Phase III project as an ideal candidate project for this funding. Phase III is the final project that was identified in the 2019 Legion Field Stormwater Study. Phase III will help remedy stormwater flooding in the areas of Kendall Street, Peltier Street, Glenn Street, and Simmons Street, as well as property east and north of the Nexus Apartments on Legion Field Road. The project includes a clearing and grading of approximately 1,100 FT of BNSF railroad ditch that conveys city stormwater from Legion Field Road to the north and east, a new stormwater pipe crossing of the BNSF railroad near Glenn Street, and new large diameter stormwater pipe to convey this water to a new stormwater pond to be constructed on city-owned land north of the Nexus Apartments.</p> <p>The Phase III project is currently identified for 2026 in our CIP. The project has been deferred for numerous years due to lack of funding.</p> <p>At their meeting on 04/09/2024, the City Council authorized City staff to submit for said MPCA Stormwater Resiliency Grant funding for the above-referenced project. At their meeting on 11/12/2024, the City Council authorized execution of a contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. of Mankato, Minnesota, for an hourly, not to exceed, contract in the amount of \$76,500.00 for design of this project.</p> <p>The City was awarded an MPCA Grant in the amount of \$867,894.00 for the above-referenced project. At the 12/10/2024 meeting, the City Council accepted the MPCA Grant Agreement, which provides for State compensation and reimbursements to the City of Marshall in the amount of \$867,894.00. Engineering costs are not grant eligible, and all construction costs beyond the grant amount will be paid through the Surface Water Management Utility.</p>

	<p>Project plans and specifications are completed and the project is ready to advertise for bids. Additionally, city staff has finally received BNSF Railroad permits for use of their right of way in grading ditches and a pipeline agreement for the installation of the drainage pipe beneath their rail. The engineer’s estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 to \$1,175,000. Including for 5% contingency and 16% engineering costs on the upper end of the range, the estimate is \$1,431,150.</p> <p>On 4/8/2025, the City Council had authorized staff to advertise this project for bids. However, BNSF Railway was very difficult in the permitting process. The process took an excessive amount of time, and initially, they requested excessive compensation for their permits. We’ve since resolved these matters, and we are now prepared to move forward with project advertisement.</p> <p>At the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee meeting on 03/25/2025, motion by Schafer, second by Lozinski Alcorn that the Committee recommend Council approval of the plans and specifications and authorize City staff to advertise the project for bids. All voted in favor. The motion passed 3:0.</p> <p>As indicated above, City staff had previously received authorization to advertise for this project at the 04/08/2025 City Council meeting. Due to lapse of time between initial authorization and actual advertisement, City staff is returning this item to Council for authorization to advertise.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	This project is included in the 2025 CIP with an estimated cost of \$1,400,000.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendations:	that the Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for Project SWM-003: Legion Field Stormwater Improvements Project-Phase III.