



UTILITY BOARD STAFF REPORT

Item (2)
February 10, 2026
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Water Supply Pipeline Project Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive report.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

STAFF:	Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations Clint Morris, Capital Division Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Project Location Map

SUMMARY

At Tuesday's meeting, Public Works staff will update the Utility Board regarding the Water Supply Pipeline project, which is currently in the final stages of design.

Since 2024, Public Works staff, in coordination with engineering consultants, have been planning and designing the City's Water Supply Pipeline project. This critical infrastructure project will replace a large portion of the aging Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Transmission Line on Mercer Island with a new City-owned pipeline in a new alignment (Exhibit 1). The project includes installation of over 5,000 feet of earthquake resistant 24-inch pipeline, replacement of approximately 1,500 feet of asbestos cement (AC) water main, and repair and resurfacing of roadways affected by this underground utility work.

The City Council has received two updates on the Water Supply Pipeline project (90.40.0032). In October 2025, staff provided City Council with an update on the project's background, development, and early design work, including the 2024 Seattle Public Utilities supply pipeline leak that temporarily constrained the Island's water supply and the City's response to advance a more resilient, earthquake-resistant water supply pipeline in a new alignment (see [AB 6795](#)). In January 2026, staff provided a subsequent update and requested approval of the second design contract to advance the project from 60% design to final plans, specifications, and cost estimates. RH2 Engineering is serving as the design consultant, and Scarsella Brothers, Inc. is the General Contractor/Construction Manager for the project (see [AB 6837](#)).

Staff will return to the Utility Board in March with another project update including information on construction schedule and sequencing, cost, and responses to any questions raised at the Utility Board's February meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive report. No action necessary.

