

TO: Mayor Robert E. Simison
Members of the City Council

FROM: Tyson Glock
Staff Engineer

DATE: December 14, 2020

SUBJECT: CITY UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR UTILITY ABANDONMENT AND RELOCATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MERIDIAN TOWN CENTER PHASE 3 PROJECT (EAGLE RD WIDENING FROM FRANKLIN RD TO LESLIE DRIVE).

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- A. Move to:
Approve the City Utilities Reimbursement Agreement for utility relocating and abandonment in conjunction with the Meridian Town Center Phase 3 Project (City of Meridian Project 11079).

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

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III. DESCRIPTION

- A. Background
CenterCal is widening Eagle Road between Franklin Road and Leslie Drive to include a third lane on the south bound side of the road. This is Phase 3 of the Meridian Town Center project. As a result, all utilities that are currently located where the new south bound lane will be constructed must be removed. Per the Utilities Reimbursement Agreement, CenterCal would include City water abandonment and relocation in the bid package as part of their project.
- B. Proposed Project

This project includes the abandonment and relocation of water lines. The City is also taking this opportunity to sleeve water crossings across Eagle Rd to reduce impact of potential main breaks.

IV. IMPACT

A. Strategic Impact:

This project aligns with the Public Works objective of being opportunistic in planning for growth and infrastructure needs. The construction impacts on the residents are being minimized by partnering with CenterCal.

B. Fiscal Impact:

The current cost estimate for the City of Meridian infrastructure abandonment and relocation is \$815,500. The funds have been committed to the Water main Replacement account, 60-3490-95000 for the Fiscal Year 2021.

V. TIME CONSTRAINTS

CenterCal plans to bid this project in February of 2021. City approval of this agreement is required for CenterCal to include the waterline abandonment and relocation as part of their project.

VI. ALTERNATIVES

A. The City could choose not do a Utility Reimbursement Agreement and bid out the project separately from CenterCal.

i. Due to the number of utilities existing and relocating to the west side of Eagle Rd, there is a high level of complexity with scheduling when work needs to be done and by whom. Additionally, storm drain infrastructure is being installed in the ROW which will require coordination with the water line installation. Having a single contractor in charge of scheduling and construction will minimize delays and conflicts in the field. If a Utility Reimbursement Agreement is not utilized it would mean additional lane shutdowns, more inconvenience to the travelling public, and likely higher cost to Meridian rate payers.

VI. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

A. Utility Reimbursement Agreement

Approved for Council Agenda: _____

