



MEMO TO: Darrel Pyle, City Manager
FROM: Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager
DATE: October 27, 2023
SUBJECT: Norman Transit Center Emergency Wastewater Line Repair

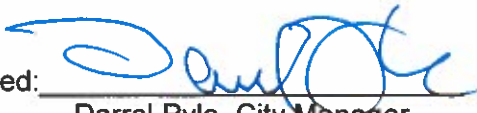
Late in the evening on October 26, 2023, City Transit Staff received a message from EMBARK staff that the lower level staff restrooms had backed up and flooding was occurring. The Transit and Parking Program Manager went to the site immediately. After consultation with the Director of Parks and Recreation, who oversees Facility Maintenance, and the Director of Public Works, it was concluded that quick and decisive action was necessary to avert potential human health hazards (i.e., unsanitary wastewater contact) and exponential recovery costs.

Staff coordinated with a Norman-owned business, Cavins Construction and Environmental Group (CCEG), to conduct an on-site inspection immediately that evening. They reaffirmed our conclusion that rapid action was required. They immediately began remediating the facility where wastewater had made contact. This work continued into the early morning hours of October 27, 2023. The remediation was only to the lower level of staff restrooms.

Remediation included removing the lower two feet of drywall and the vinyl tile flooring, which is standard industry practice.

Staff were told that the reason for the backup was the decay of the old wastewater pipes. As these pipes were iron, they had begun rusting and flaking, causing debris to be caught. This is what ultimately led to the incident.

Due to the high usage of the facility, staff are requesting consideration of approval for CCEG make repairs to decrease the time that this facility will not be fully functional. The City Code allows for emergency actions and contractual arrangements to be approved by the City Manager, exempted from normal competitive bidding and contractual approval requirements.

Approved: 
Darrel Pyle, City Manager

Date: 10-28-23

Denied: _____
Darrel Pyle, City Manager

Date: _____

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