



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 4/14/2026

**REQUESTER:** Peter Wolbach

**PRESENTER:** Peter Wolbach, Staff Engineer - Utilities

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2526-25: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND VORTEX SERVICES, LLC INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$310,702.95 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL OF \$5,612,735.95 AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT TIME BY 30 CALENDAR DAYS FOR THE SEWER MAINTENANCE PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 (WARDS 2 AND 4).

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2001, the citizens of Norman approved a five-dollar-per-month sewer maintenance fee to provide for the systematic replacement of aged and deteriorating neighborhood sewer lines. The Sewer Maintenance Project 2018 (SMP-18) study area is shown on the attached map. After extensive study by Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) staff and the NUA Sewer Line Maintenance Division, sanitary sewer lines within the study area were categorized into segments requiring replacement or rehabilitation due to deteriorated pipe conditions.

The SMP-18 project area is generally bounded by Highway 9 to the south, Berry Road to the east, Homeland Avenue to the west, and several residential streets to the north with Vine Street representing the bounds of the northernmost portion of the project area. In addition to the original project area, staff identified several other areas that needed replacement or rehabilitation as part of the Base Bid. The project will include trenchless installation of approximately 45,000 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer pipe and appurtenances, as well as open-cut installation of approximately 600 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer pipe and appurtenances. Two alternates were also bid to for a small section of line proposed for sliplining and the Woodcrest Interceptor Realignment, which will occur east of Chardonnay Lane.

On March 24, 2026, the Norman Utilities Authority approved Contract K-2526-25 with Vortex Services, LLC in the amount of \$5,302,033 for construction of the FYE18 Sewer Maintenance Project.

**DISCUSSION:**

Proposed Change Order No. 1 includes additional sewer replacements along W. Brooks Street between S. Berry Road and S. Wylie Road.

During coordination with a Public Works sidewalk project in this area, Utilities Department staff were notified that several existing water meters are located within the alignment of a proposed sidewalk. To address this, the water line is getting replaced to allow the proper relocation of the water meters. This new water line will be in closer proximity to the sewer line, making replacement of the sewer line with water-grade pipe necessary, plus the existing sewer line is also in poor condition and warrants replacement. By completing the sewer line replacement at this time under this change order and the water line work under a different contract, the new infrastructure will be in place thereby reducing the potential for impacting the sidewalk in the future.

This work is the same type of construction to be completed as part of the original bid for the FYE18 Sewer Maintenance Project and is located less than one mile from that project area and is within a future project area. The line will be completed utilizing the primary method in the original contract, pipe bursting, but a higher grade pipe will be utilized to better ensure water tightness in accordance with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality regulations.

The proposed Change Order No. 1 will be funded from the SMP-18 Construction Account (32193338-46101; Project WW0316) which has an available balance of \$398,642.25.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the NUA approve Change Order No. 1 to Contract K-2526-25 with Vortex Services, LLC increasing the contract by \$310,702.95 for a revised contract amount of \$5,612,735.95 and increasing contract time by 30 calendar days for the FYE18 Sewer Maintenance Project.