

No: 25-_____
Date: June 25, 2025

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: NORTH BOYER ROAD CULVERT - EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND EXPENDITURES

- WHEREAS: On June 5, 2025, the City was notified by Bonner County of a potential failure of the large, corrugated metal culvert that conveys Little Sand Creek beneath N. Boyer Road at the northernmost extent of Sandpoint City limits, which serves as a critical crossing for an arterial roadway that provides north-south access for residents, Schweitzer Mountain visitors, and emergency services;
- WHEREAS: In response, although City crews inspecting the culvert on June 5 and 6 found no immediate signs of failure, during a follow-up inspection on June 9 and 10, the culvert showed signs of structural compromise, and, by June 11, further deterioration was observed, indicating a rapidly worsening condition, resulting in the City closing N. Boyer Road at the Sand Creek crossing on June 11, 2025;
- WHEREAS: If left unaddressed, continued deterioration could lead to a full culvert collapse and roadway failure, posing a significant risk to public safety, utilities, and transportation operations;
- WHEREAS: Recognizing the urgency of the situation, staff have been coordinating with J-U-B Engineers to determine next steps for an emergency repair, with initial assessments suggesting that full replacement will be necessary, as the culvert is believed to be several decades old and approaching the end of its service life;
- WHEREAS: This effort will likely require design, permitting, and coordination with Bonner County and environmental agencies, with City staff intending to pursue direct procurement of the culvert in order to expedite the schedule;
- WHEREAS: A local contractor who specializes in culvert installation will be engaged to provide a high-level cost estimate and construction timeframes, where the preliminary cost estimate to prepare emergency replacement plans, procurement of materials, and construction is estimated at over \$200,000, with further cost estimates refined once a preferred repair alternative is identified; and
- WHEREAS: At this time, an emergency declaration by City Council would enable the Mayor and City staff to execute necessary purchasing documents in an expedited manner.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2808(1)(a)(iii), the City Council of the City of Sandpoint hereby declares that an emergency exists necessitating the emergency work described above in order to safeguard life, health, and property and that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money for this purpose.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Use of the General Fund Emergency Reserve, as outlined in the City's Financial Policies, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, is hereby approved.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to make emergency procurements as necessary in accordance with State of Idaho law and City of Sandpoint Procurement Policy in order to remedy this situation as soon as possible.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ward, City Clerk