

# UPDATE ON S 1ST AND ST. HELENS STREET INTERSECTION



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# Project Background & Timeline

- 2014 Corridor Master Plan
- Concerns over the safety and operations of the S 1st Street – St. Helens Street intersection
- 2018 City contracts with Kittelson & Associates to design improvements for the intersection
- September 2022, City contracts with Moore Excavation to perform the intersection improvements



# Project Background & Timeline

- City expresses a desire to underground all overhead utilities at the intersection as part of the safety improvements
- Franchise utilities express a desire to install new facilities in the intersection before the improvements are completed
- September 2023, Intersection is temporarily reopened until the City receives modified plans from the Engineer for the intersection







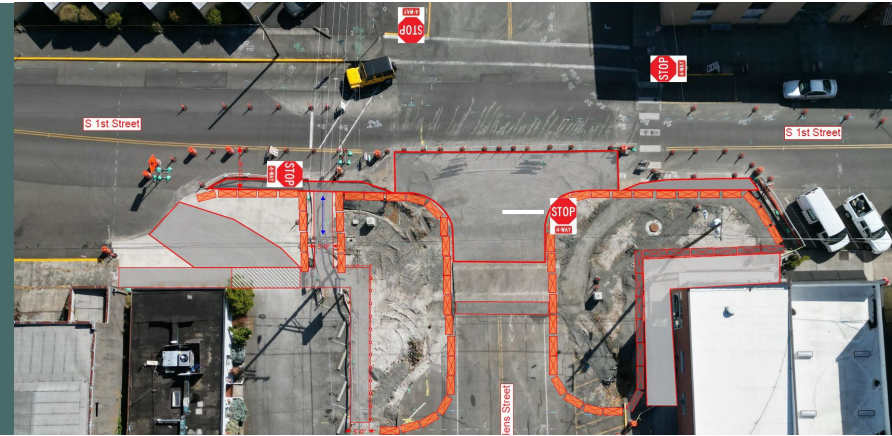
A Resolution  
Declaring an  
Emergency and  
Authorizing an  
Exemption from  
Competitive Bidding  
Requirements for  
Procurement of  
Services to  
Underground Utilities  
at the S 1st Street – St.  
Helens Street  
Intersection

- ORS Chapter 279C requires a competitive bidding process for Public Improvement Contracts
- ORS Chapter 279B permits exemptions to competitive bidding and allow an emergency expenditure to be made when the City Council determines by the passing a resolution that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health or property

# WHY USE AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT?

## Temporary Traffic Control

- *Vehicular Accidents*
- *Pedestrian Safety*
- *Temporary Traffic Control Devices*



Intersection Safety Issues



# WHY USE AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT?

## It Costs Money to Keep the Intersection Open

- *Over \$25,000 per month to keep the intersection open*



Cost Efficiency

# WHY USE AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT?

## Competitive Proposals

Oct. 2022

One Proposals Received

Proposal Rejected

## Competitive Bids

June 2023

No Bids Received

Difficult to Secure Competitive Bids/Proposals



# WHY USE AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT?

Traditional

Competitive Bidding

Total anticipated time from bid phase to contract up to 8 weeks

Modified

Competitive Bidding

Total anticipated time from request for quotes to contract up to 5 weeks



*Modified Emergency Procurement is Faster!*

# Next Steps

An aerial photograph of a construction site at a street intersection. The ground is mostly dirt and gravel, with some concrete structures being laid out. Orange traffic cones and construction workers in safety gear are visible. A black horizontal line with four circular markers is overlaid on the image, serving as a timeline for the project's next steps. The background shows surrounding buildings, a parking lot with a red car, and a street with a white van and a white truck.

● Council Passes  
Emergency  
Procurement  
Resolution for S 1st  
– St. Helens  
Intersection

● Staff directly  
solicits bids from a  
minimum of three  
qualified  
contractors  
licensed in the  
State of Oregon

● Lowest responsive  
quote selected  
and a public  
improvement  
contract is  
executed

● Undergrounding  
utilities work at  
intersection  
begins, allowing  
the work to move  
forward

# Questions?

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