

TO: City Council
FROM: Ryan Blaser, Engineer III
DATE: July 7, 2026
SUBJECT: Consultant Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Somerset Hill Culvert Replacement project

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Consultant Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Somerset Hill Culvert Replacement project.

This Agreement was recommended for approval on the consent calendar by the Public Works Committee at their June 18, 2026 meeting.

2) Background:

The culvert conveying Percival Creek under Somerset Hill Drive has been identified as a partial barrier to fish passage. This project will replace the existing culvert with a bridge structure that allows for easier fish passage, creates improved habitat, and helps to realign the creek toward its natural channel. The final project will also protect the existing bank from further erosion, which currently threatens to undermine several trees and potentially damage adjacent existing city utility infrastructure.

The Preliminary Engineering phase of the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2027 and the Construction phase is anticipated to begin Summer 2028 and be completed by Fall 2028.

The design fee for this Agreement is \$1,141,398 and will include full plans, environmental permitting, specifications, cost estimate, and construction support.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2026-2032:

Be a Leader in Environmental Health and Sustainability –Conserve and protect Tumwater's water resources.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Request changes to the scope of work and budget
 - ☐ Do not recommend for approval and authorization
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This project will be funded in part by a federal grant (Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program [PROTECT]) totaling \$4,000,000 for Preliminary Engineering and Construction costs; any additional costs will be

covered by City funds; City staff are currently pursuing additional funding sources.

6) Attachments:

A. Consultant Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Somerset Hill Culvert Replacement project