City of WHITEWATER	Public Works Agenda Item
Meeting Date:	November 14, 2023
Agenda Item:	4a. Lead Lateral Replacements
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The City needs to replace lead water laterals, both public side and private side, throughout the City. Through our inventory process we believe there are 163 laterals that need replacing on the private side. 92 laterals serve rental property and 71serve owner occupied property. Staff has submitted an Intent To Apply to obtain funding through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (DSWLP). If the City ranks high enough to obtain a loan, the City would also be eligible for some Principal Loan Forgiveness towards the private side costs. It is estimated that 50% of the cost to replace the private side lead water laterals would be eligible. The remaining 50% is what needs to be discussed. Options include:

- 1. Property owner pays through a special assessment
- 2. Water Utility pays using rate payer funding. Need PSC approval.
- 3. City pays by obtaining a General Obligation bond.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT (If none, state N/A)

The cost on the private side will vary depending on length of the lateral and other above ground obstructions, however, staff is estimating between \$2,000 and \$4,000. Taking into account the 50% Principal Forgiveness, this would leave the property owner with a cost between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is not providing any recommendation at this time. This item is meant for discussion and to obtain questions and comments from the Committee. One thing to keep in mind is that all property owners must be treated equally.

	ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
	(If none, state N/A)
1	Drivate Lead Iron Curb Stone Man

1. Private Lead-Iron Curb Stops Map