

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE January 15, 2013	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Council

FROM: Jennifer Wirsing, Engineering Service Coordinator
Through: Jim Hossley, Public Works and Development Director
 Rodger Craddock, City Manager *REC*

ISSUE: Consideration Approval to Award Emergency Contract for the S. Broadway Street (Highway 101 Southbound) Sewer Repair

BACKGROUND:

CH2M Hill-OMI (the City's operations and maintenance contractor for the storm and sewer system) has been monitoring the storm drain line located along S. Broadway Street between Hall and Ingersoll Avenues for several years. Several times a year the line is surcharged and sewer backs up into businesses located along this stretch. In particular Phil's Lock and Key has reported several instances of this occurring. The surcharge is believed to be occurring because at approximately 260 feet south of the upstream manhole there is a section of pipe that has deteriorated and the top portion of the pipe is no longer intact. This section is estimated to be between 10 and 20 feet in length. Sediment enters the system at this location and causes blockages and surcharges. This line was constructed in the 1920's, and typically a service line is designed to last 50 years.

It is anticipated, due to the age and condition of the remainder of pipe, that this entire segment from Hall to Ingersoll Avenue will be replaced sometime in the future. This will entail the replacement of approximately 500 feet of pipe and 20 lateral connections. Due to the size of this type of project, construction plans and specifications must be prepared. Permits and processing through ODOT will also be required. Therefore, at this time, only the repair of the 10-20 feet is recommended due to the emergency nature of the situation.

Staff is obtaining four quotes to fix the 10-20 feet of pipe where the top has eroded away. Quotes are anticipated to be received on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 4:00 pm. The results of the quotes will be presented at the Council meeting on that day. To encourage competition, staff contacted four local contractors to provide quotes. The City will receive quotes from the following contractors:

Contractor	Quote
Benny Hempstead Excavating, Inc.	TBD
Knife River,	TBD
Johnson Rock	TBD
Tri-County Plumbing	TBD

TBD = To Be Determined

For the City to expedite this repair, the City's Administrative Directive No. 15 Public Contracting Rules does allow for a contracting method that is different than the normal approach. For projects under \$50,000, Section 11, (a) of the contracting rules applies and is provided below:

Section 11. Emergency Contracts.

(a) Emergency Contracts Under \$50,000. The Board may let public contracts without competitive procurement if an emergency exists. For the purposes of this rule, an emergency consists of circumstances creating an unforeseen and substantial risk of loss or damage to property, a significant interruption of governmental services or a threat to public health or safety which requires prompt execution of a contract to remedy the condition.

(1) The Director may declare an emergency, which shall authorize the City to enter into an emergency contract with a price under \$50,000. The Director must make written findings describing the emergency conditions necessitating prompt execution of the contract.

(2) Any contract awarded under this exemption shall be awarded within 60 days following declaration of the emergency unless an extension is granted by the Board.

For projects under \$50,000, in accordance with (a) (1) above, the findings describing the emergency conditions necessitating the prompt execution of the contract are as follows:

The sewer failure was originally identified in June 2011. Since this time, City staff and CH2M Hill-OMI have been monitoring this section of pipe. Until this time, this section has been functional. However, due to the surcharges, this section is no longer functional. If left unattended, there are concerns of damage to Highway 101 and surrounding utilities. Additionally, this segment of pipe, per our recorded information, has 20 sewer laterals. According to the video investigation, 16 of these laterals were confirmed active; however there were segments of the pipe that could not be televised due to the deteriorated pipe. As such, this segment of pipe serves several businesses. The deteriorated pipe may cause damage to these businesses if left unattended. Immediate repair of these 10-20 feet of sewer is critical to prevent further damage. The City's regular/standard procurement method would be to request formal bids for the project. Doing this would not allow the City to make the emergency repairs that need to occur immediately.

ADVANTAGES:

Awarding a contract through the City's emergency procurement process will allow the City to meet the time constraints in place that require repairs be made as soon as possible. The timely repair will minimize further damage to the adjacent business, and potentially prevent damage from occurring to S. Broadway Street and any underground utilities that are located adjacent to the damaged line and thus prevent the City from incurring additional repair costs.

DISADVANTAGES:

Due to the emergency nature of the project, staff did not have the ability to obtain formal competitive bids which could result in higher immediate repair cost.

BUDGET:

The source of funds for this contract is the Fund 29, Wastewater Improvement Fund, Expenditures, Wastewater Emergency, and Emergency Repairs (29-810-530-3010).

RECOMMENDATION:

If it pleases the Council, approve the award of the emergency contract for the sewer repair located along S. Broadway Street between Hall and Ingersoll Avenue pursuant to the Emergency Contract rules found in Section 11 of the City of Coos Bay Administrative Directive No. 15.

ATTACHMENTS:

Aerial photo of affected area.

