

ITEM #: 14
DATE: 01-13-26
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (BASIN 11)

BACKGROUND:

This is the annual program for rehabilitation/reconstruction of deficient sanitary sewers and deteriorated manholes at various locations throughout the city. The goal of this program is to identify and remove major sources of inflow/infiltration (I/I) as a means of lowering the peak wet weather flow at the treatment plant. By eliminating I/I in these sewer mains, the sanitary sewer system will also regain needed capacity.

This project includes the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer segments and manholes within Basin 11, which is located on the east side of Ames. WHKS & Co. of Ames, Iowa, has completed the plans and specifications for the work. The revenues and expenses associated with this program are estimated as follows:

Description	Available Revenue	Estimated Expenses
State Revolving Fund (SRF)	\$2,500,000	
Construction (est.)		\$2,100,000
Engineering/Administration (est.)		\$ 150,000
TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,250,000

The debt service payments in conjunction with this State loan will be paid from the operating expenses from the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements program.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Program (Basin 11) project, setting February 18, 2026, as the bid due date and February 24, 2026, as the date of Public Hearing.
2. Direct staff to pursue changes to the project.
3. Do not proceed with this project at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project will improve the sanitary sewer system by restoring structural integrity of deteriorating sewer segments and by removing inflow and infiltration to regain valuable capacity within the system. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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