

ITEM #: 36
 DATE: 02-24-26
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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.**

On February 18, 2026, bids for the project were received as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,100,000.00
Municipal Pipe Tool Co.	\$1,616,102.90
Visu-Sewer	\$2,560,299.25

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.)		\$1,616,102.90
Engineering/Administration (est.)		250,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$1,866,102.90

The debt service payments in conjunction with this SRF loan will be paid from revenues in the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund.

Two required steps are still needed to comply with the SRF procedures before the City Council will be in a position to award a contract. First, on March 10, the City Council will be asked to set the date of the public hearing for March 24. Second, at the March 24 hearing, the City Council will be asked to approve the required resolutions regarding the issuance of the SRF debt. At that same meeting, the City Council will then be asked to award the bid for this project to Municipal Pipe Tool Co.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the following for the Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation (Basin 11) Project:
 - a. Accept the report of bids for the project.
 - b. Delay the award of bid to allow staff to follow SRF procedure.
2. 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. Delaying the award allows time for the processing of the SRF loan documents prior to awarding the project. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Basin 11.pdf](#)