

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: January 12, 2026

FROM: John Fox, Public Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Utility Relocation Contract with Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Collierville-Arlington Wolf River Bridge Replacement Project

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) for the Utility Relocation Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) associated with the Col-Arlington Wolf River (WR) Bridge Replacement Project.

BACKGROUND:

- **April 4, 2017** – The Town of Collierville, through Mayor Joyner, submitted a formal request to TDOT Region IV requesting full replacement of the bridges over the Wolf River and Wolf River Overflow.
- **July 18, 2017** – TDOT, Shelby County, and Town of Collierville staff met to coordinate the proposed bridge replacement project. TDOT confirmed the new bridges would be constructed west of the existing structures, with the southern overflow bridge constructed one lane at a time utilizing temporary traffic signals. TDOT also confirmed that no local jurisdiction match would be required for the project.
- **June 13, 2025** – Following notification that TDOT intended to move forward with the bridge replacement on SR-205 (Collierville-Arlington Road), the Town formally notified TDOT of the presence of an existing sanitary sewer force main located along the west side of the roadway within the proposed project limits.
- **June 30, 2025** – Town staff met with TDOT representatives to discuss the proposed sewer force main relocation and eligibility for reimbursement under TDOT's Chapter 86 utility relocation policy, which allows up to 100% reimbursement of eligible costs, capped at \$2.5 million.
- **August 26, 2025** – TDOT approved Chapter 86 reimbursement and issued engineering authorization allowing the Town to proceed with engaging a consultant for engineering design, preparation of an opinion of probable cost, and construction inspection services.
- **September 9, 2025** – TDOT approved Fisher & Arnold, Inc. as the Town's engineering consultant for the sewer force main relocation portion of the project.
- **November 20, 2025** – The Town received TDOT Contract No. 9585 for review and approval, based on the engineering and construction cost estimate prepared by Fisher & Arnold, Inc.

DISCUSSION:

Environmental work and preliminary engineering for the TDOT Col-Arlington WR Bridge Replacement Project have been completed. TDOT initiated Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition in fall 2025 and anticipates including the project in its December 2026 construction letting.

On November 20, 2025, TDOT submitted Utility Relocation Contract No. 9585 to the Town for review and approval. The engineer's opinion of probable cost for the utility relocation is \$1,350,372.40. While the project qualifies for reimbursement under TDOT's Chapter 86 program, Construction Engineering

and Inspection (CEI) services performed within the public ROW are not eligible for reimbursement. The total CEI cost for the project is \$75,889.78, of which 92% (\$69,818.60) is attributable to work within the public ROW and is non-reimbursable, and 8% (\$6,071.18) is associated with work within a private utility easement and is reimbursable. As a result, \$69,818.60 in CEI costs will remain the responsibility of the Town.

To account for potential increases in construction costs or change orders related to unforeseen conditions, a 10% contingency in the amount of \$135,000.60 has been included, increasing the total project budget from \$1,350,372.40 to \$1,415,554.00.

**BUDGET IMPACT:
CIP**

Fund	Dept.	Obj. Code	Description	Approved Line Item Budget ⁽¹⁾	Previous Expenses	Proposed Expense ⁽²⁾	Balance	Budget Impact
413		16513-202603	Col-Arl Bridge Sewer Relocate	\$1,485,373.00	\$23,582.62	\$1,326,789.78	\$135,000.60	Increase, but majority reimbursable

(1) Assumes the approval of resolution 2026-02 on this agenda.

(2) TDOT contract indicates \$1,350,372.40 in estimated costs, but \$23,582.62 was previously approved by the Board.

Of the total project budget of \$1,485,373.00, \$1,415,553.80 is eligible for reimbursement through TDOT's Chapter 86 reimbursement program.

ATTACHMENTS:

[TDOT Utility Relocation Contract No. 9585](#)

PROPOSED MOTION:

To approve TDOT Contract No. 9585 for relocation of the Town's sewer force main as part of the Col-Arlington WR Bridge Replacement Project.

Board Action: Motion By _____ Seconded By _____

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						