



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Community Development

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### Golden Valley City Council Meeting

July 7, 2026

#### Agenda Item

**5B.3.** Approve Professional Services Agreement with SEH, Inc. for Project #26-08 Lilac Drive Realignment

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#### Summary

Located adjacent to the future East Fire Station, Lilac Drive is a Municipal State Aid roadway with a complex alignment and limited visibility that creates challenges for both motorists and pedestrians. The proposed Lilac Drive Realignment Project is situated between Duluth Street and St. Croix Avenue and has been identified as a critical corridor serving a diverse range of users and nearby land uses. In addition to the immediately adjacent commercial and high-density residential properties, the corridor provides access to nearby office, institutional, park and natural areas, public facilities, and residential neighborhoods. Lilac Drive also serves as an important connection to the Bassett Creek Regional Trail and Highway 100.

The proposed project will reconstruct portions of the corridor that are in substandard condition and rehabilitate pavement sections that do not require full reconstruction. Planned improvements are intended to enhance public safety and mobility by improving sight lines, softening turning movements, completing ADA accessibility upgrades, and incorporating multimodal transportation amenities. The project will also improve site access and emergency response operations associated with the future East Fire Station.

Staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services related to the Lilac Drive Realignment Project, including engineering design, community engagement, bidding support, and construction services. The City received seven proposals from qualified firms, which were evaluated by an interdepartmental team using the scoring criteria established in the RFP.

Based on the results of the evaluation process, staff recommend entering into this agreement with SEH to provide professional services for Project #26-08, Lilac Drive Realignment. Through subsequent coordination meetings, the City's project management team identified opportunities to incorporate additional East Fire Station-related geotechnical services into SEH's scope of work to lower costs, avoid schedule conflicts, and optimize overall project delivery. This proposed agreement includes those additional geotechnical services.

### **Financial or Budget Considerations**

The total cost for SEH, Inc. to provide design, bidding, and construction services for the Lilac Drive Realignment Project is \$625,049.17. While this project was not specifically identified in the 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), staff anticipates utilizing programmed funding from FY 2026 and FY 2027 capital projects that have since been deferred to future years. Anticipated funding sources include the Streets CIP fund, Stormwater Utility Enterprise CIP funds, Water & Sewer Utility Enterprise CIP funds, and eligible Municipal State Aid (MSA) funding in accordance with MnDOT State Aid Finance requirements.

Construction cost estimates will be developed and refined throughout the design phase and incorporated into future CIP budget documents, as appropriate. Coordination of the Lilac Drive Realignment Project with the future East Fire Station is considered the most cost-effective and operationally efficient approach, as the roadway alignment will directly influence fire station layout, site access, site circulation, and emergency response operations.

### **Legal Considerations**

This agreement has been approved by the City Attorney's office.

### **Equity Considerations**

This agreement ensures the City is providing infrastructure that is resilient and maintains public safety. This aligns with the Community Development Department's Equity Lens by engaging with partners to strengthen and create resilient, relevant, and reflective infrastructure.

### **Recommended Action**

Motion to approve professional services agreement with SEH, Inc. for Project #26-08 Lilac Drive Realignment

### **Supporting Documents**

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