

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Stephanie Smith , City engineer
DATE: July 21, 2025
SUBJECT: Approve Access Permit and Watermain Easement and Agreement with Ramsey County for 2025 Watermain Improvements, city project 25-02.
ITEM NUMBER: 8.k
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To approve Access Permit and Watermain Easement and Agreement with Ramsey County for the 2025 Watermain Improvement, city project 25-02.

INTRODUCTION

The city's 2025 capital improvement plan includes funding for the 2025 Watermain Improvements, 25-02. Proposed watermain will run through Ramsey County's Lake Owasso Residence property. The proposed agreements will govern the access, easement, ownership and maintenance rights for the watermain on the property.

DISCUSSION

The city has identified locations in town where the water pipes enter a neighborhood in only one location. This lack of redundancy can cause service outages when work is done on that single pipe. It can also have less water circulation, which can create sediment build-up and discoloration in the water. The 2025 Watermain Improvement project's goal is to eliminate this issue by making a second connection.

Staff identified the Woodbridge neighborhood, between Lake Owasso and the city limits as an area that would benefit from a second connection, to the watermain on North Owasso Boulevard. Originally, a new pipe was proposed along the lake, however, staff identified a more efficient route by using the existing, privately-owned watermain at Ramsey County's Lake Owasso Residence. The existing pipe, hydrants and gate valves meet current city standards and utilizing the existing infrastructure will result in a cost-savings over acquiring easements and installing new pipe

The agreements attached to this item will give the city the right to access the property for construction of the new watermain connection. The county will grant easement and transfer ownership of the private watermain, to provide the loop to the Woodbridge neighborhood, south of the county property. The city attorney has reviewed the access permit and watermain easement and agreement documents and found them to be acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends city council approve Access Permit and Watermain Easement and

Agreement with Ramsey County for the 2025 Watermain Improvement, city project 25-02.

ATTACHMENTS

[Project Map](#)

[Access Permit](#)

[Watermain Easement and Agreement](#)