

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Stephanie Smith , City engineer
DATE: July 21, 2025
SUBJECT: Approve the plans and specifications and order advertisement for bids for the 2025 County Road I boardwalk replacement, city project 25-04
ITEM NUMBER: 8.i
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To adopt resolution 25-48, approving the plans and specifications and ordering the taking of bids for the 2025 County Road I boardwalk replacement, city project 25-04.

INTRODUCTION

The city's 2025 capital improvement plan includes funding for the replacement of the boardwalk on County Road I between Lexington Avenue and Chatsworth Street. Plans and specifications are essentially complete and council action is required to approve the plans and specifications and order the taking of bids.

DISCUSSION

The boardwalk on County Road I, between Lexington Avenue and Chatsworth Street, is near the end of its usable life. Reconstruction of the boardwalk is anticipated to include upgrades to improve the accessibility and ease of maintenance. Shoreview's infrastructure replacement plan and capital improvement program include replacing the boardwalk. Improvements will include widening the walk, upgrading the railings and connection to the paved trail. The project is led by the City of Shoreview, in partnership with Ramsey County Public Works, which is contributing funding to the project.

During the design process, poor soils for construction have been identified in the wetland area that the boardwalk crosses over. The depth of these soils is 40 feet in areas, which will require deeper helical pilings for the foundations that originally anticipated. The cost of the foundations along with the accessibility upgrades for the additional boardwalk width and railing have contributed to a cost increase in the project.

Ramsey county committed to \$100,000 in funding to the project through their locally-led project solicitation. This program invites cities to apply for county funding of projects within the county system that are a priority for the city. The project design and construction are led by the city, with the county as a funding partner. City staff is currently in discussion with the county to split the cost increase evenly, which would result in a county funding total of \$230,000.

The proposed capital improvement program designates \$850,000 in funding for the 2025

County Road I boardwalk replacement. Anticipated funding sources are listed below:

- \$620,000 capital asset replacement fund
- \$230,000 Ramsey County Public Works

Plans and specifications are essentially complete and are available in the office of the city engineer. A public, lowest-qualified bidder process will be used to solicit and evaluate contractor bids. City council must order the advertisement for bids to begin this process.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the city council adopt the attached resolution 25-48, and approving the plans and specifications and ordering the taking of bids for the 2025 County Road I boardwalk replacement, city project 25-04.

ATTACHMENTS

[Resolution 25-48](#)

[Project Map](#)