

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Stephanie Smith , City engineer
DATE: May 5, 2025
SUBJECT: Rejecting the bid for the 2025 Sewer Lining Project, city project 25-03
ITEM NUMBER: 8.k
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To adopt resolution 25-35, rejecting the bid for the 2025 Sewer Lining Project, city project 25-03.

INTRODUCTION

Many of Shoreview's sanitary sewer mains were constructed in the 1950s and 1960s, utilizing clay and reinforced concrete pipe. Over time the joints have failed, allowing tree roots and stormwater soaking in the ground to enter the sewer. Staff identified pipe lining as a cost-effective and minimally invasive means of correcting leaking pipes.

DISCUSSION

This year's sanitary sewer rehabilitation project includes lining approximately 3 miles of pipe in multiple neighborhoods, which were identified by maintenance staff as needing repair or as sources of infiltration leaking. Pipe lining areas include south and southeast of Turtle Lake, Gramsie Road near Grass Lake and the Highland/Brigadoon neighborhood southwest of Snail Lake.

The current capital improvement plan includes a budget of \$760,000 for the project that includes construction, engineering, administrative costs and contingencies. The project will be funded from the sanitary sewer fund.

Electronic bids were received and publicly opened on April 29, 2025. Only one bid was received and has been reviewed by the city staff. The single bid was from Insituform Technologies USA, LLC is shown in the table below. The base bid received was approximately 135% above the engineer's estimate.

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Total Base + Alt 1
Insituform Technologies USA, LLC	\$1,520,790.93	\$128,342.80	\$1,649,133.73
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$644,647.40</i>	<i>\$65,294.20</i>	<i>\$709,941.60</i>

Based on the high cost of the bid received, staff recommends the bid for this project be rejected and the project be re-bid in the fall. This will likely push back the project until the winter of 2025/2026. City staff will work with the bidding contractor and on the design to identify

elements of the project that could be modified or removed to lower the cost of the project to be within the CIP budgeted amount.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the city council adopt the attached resolution 25-35 rejecting the bid for the 2025 Sewer Rehabilitation Project, city project 25-03.

ATTACHMENTS

[Resolution 25-35 Rejecting Bid for 2025 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation 25-03](#)