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MEMORANDUM

TO: George Sidhu, P.E., General Manager

FROM: Mark Handzlik, P.E., Engineering Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Utility Construction Agreement with WSDOT for the Division Street Bridge Painting Project

Requested Action:

Authorize the general manager to execute a utility construction agreement with WSDOT in the amount of \$382,294.00 for painting of the pipeline supported by the Division Street (SR536) bridge.

Background:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is rehabilitating the Division Street (SR536) bridge by removing and applying a new coat of paint to the bridge. This work will be extensive, involve encapsulation of sections of the bridge where work is occurring and have significant impacts on traffic.

Installed in 1997, the PUD operates a 12-inch ductile iron waterline that crosses the Skagit River and is supported by the bridge in downtown Mount Vernon. The crossing is a critical piece of the PUD's infrastructure serving west Mount Vernon and further west. When the interties with Anacortes are active, it also provides a pathway for water to flow east.

With the pipe supports attached to the bridge it is difficult to separate the bridge and our pipeline in terms of blasting and painting, and as a franchisee within the WSDOT ROW, the PUD's rights are rather limited. The terms of the franchise agreement require the PUD to make all relocations necessary to accommodate the DOT's construction. In this case, at a minimum, it requires the PUD to temporarily relocate pipe hangers so that WSDOT can proceed with blasting and painting the bridge, thereby protecting our pipe from the blasting. These are both costly ventures with no benefit.

As it stands, the pipeline has never been recoated. From a construction standpoint, staff are recommending to enter into this agreement so that WSDOT's contractor can temporarily support the PUD's pipe and blast and paint the bridge, pipe, and pipe supports to gain some benefit from WSDOT's project.

Fiscal Impact:

The agreement is in the amount of \$382,294.00 and includes contingencies of 4% and construction management (inspection) at 20%. This project is listed in the PUD's 2026 Capital Budget as Division Street Bridge Painting (DOT).

Prior year spending:	\$	0.00
Current and Future year Budget:	\$	500,000.00
This Contract:	\$	382,294.00

Other Anticipated Costs to Complete: \$ 95,573.50
Anticipated Project Cost: \$ 477,867.50

Enclosures: 1. [UTC 1041](#)