



120th Avenue Widening Chambers to Buckley Update

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Overview

- Review the need to widen and improve 120th Avenue from Chambers to Buckley and the history of the widening project.
- Discuss the existing intergovernmental agreement (IGA) terms with Buffalo Ridge Metropolitan District.
- Overview the 2025 bid costs.
- Seek Council feedback for amending the IGA.

Widening Need

- 120th Avenue from Chambers to Buckley currently does not have enough capacity to serve the area.
- Necessary improvements to allow for better and safer traffic flow include:
 - Installing two additional lanes and associated improvements
 - Upgrading signal at 120th and Chambers
 - Signalizing 120th and Buckley
 - Relocating existing sanitary sewer line
 - Undergrounding existing overhead utility lines

Project Background

- City Council has previously approved contributing funds for road improvement, including funding the relocation of the sanitary sewer line.
 - Funding information will be presented on a later slide.
- Buffalo Ridge Metropolitan District and City previously negotiated terms to share project costs and responsibility. These terms were memorialized in an IGA.
 - The total project cost in 2022 was \$9M. Cost breakdown will be presented on a later slide.

Existing IGA Costs - City

- The City budgeted \$4.9M to the project in 2022.
 - \$4,398,610 remains to be spent on the project.
- Per the IGA, the City is responsible for:
 - Undergrounding the overhead electrical lines, utilizing the City's 1% Franchise Agreement funds with United Power.
 - Relocation of the SACWSD sanitary sewer line.
 - All improvements associated with the north half of the roadway, including design work and project management.
 - Landscape installation (native seeding) on north side of the roadway.
 - Will finish landscaping on south side after the original BRMD budget runs out.

Existing IGA Costs - BRMD

- The BRMD budgeted \$4.1M to the project in 2022.
- Per the IGA, BRMD is responsible for:
 - All design work and project management costs for south side of the road.
 - All road work and improvements for south side of the road.
 - Landscaping installation on south side until their allocated budget is exhausted.
 - BRMD also serves as the project and construction manager for the project.

2025 Bid Costs

- The 2025 total project cost is \$12,805,901.32. This is a \$3.8M increase from 2022.
 - The total cost of the City's portion of the project, including design, is \$6,929,539.19.
 - Removing the funds that have already been spent on design and the cost of contingency, the City has a project budget short fall of \$2,186,222.03.
 - The total cost of BRMD's portion of the project, including design, is \$6,017,099.81.

IGA Amendment

- Because the existing IGA included expenditure caps for both the City and BRMD, an IGA amendment will be needed to allow BRMD to award the project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- The amendment would not change existing terms but allow both jurisdictions to spend additional funds to meet the costs outlined by the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

IGA Amendment Continued

- The BRMD is prepared to sign the amendment and has confirmed that they have funds to cover the funding gap for the south side of the roadway.
- If the City Council wishes to proceed with this project, then an amendment to the IGA will come before the body during the October 6 meeting.
 - This date is critical as bids will expire at the end of October, and the bid process would need to begin again if a contract was not awarded.



Discussion