



**Council Agenda Item 25-0406R**

**MEETING DATE:** May 12, 2025

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO MINNCOMM UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE “LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT – LONDON ROAD” PROJECT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,165,250.50.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jon Maruska, Senior Engineering Specialist, Public Works and Utilities

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** The EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) require water systems to replace all lead water services by 2037. MNDOT is planning a resurfacing project along London Rd between 26<sup>th</sup> Ave E and 60<sup>th</sup> Ave E in 2026 & 2027. It is preferred to complete utility excavations prior to resurfacing projects on major roadways. This project will replace 45 lead water services and 6 fire hydrants prior to the planned roadway improvements. The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) is distributing Federal and State funds designated for lead service line replacements. The London Rd lead replacement project is on the PFAs intended use plan and the Engineering Division has submitted the funding application to reimburse the all costs associated with lead water service replacements.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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| • Engineer's Estimate    | \$1,006000.00.  |
| • As-bid Cost            | \$1,165,250.00. |
| • PFA Reimbursable Costs | \$1,066,106.50. |
| • City Utility Costs     | \$ 99,144.00.   |

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve – This option will replace antiquated infrastructure prior to street resurfacing, capture available Federal and State infrastructure funding, further the City's efforts to meet the requirements of the LCRI, and best serve the public health of Duluth's residents.
- 2) Do Not Approve - This option would leave lead water services and antiquated fire hydrants under new pavement in London Rd.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve the purchase to upgrade utilities, take advantage of available lead service line replacement funds, meet EPA regulations and bet serve the residents of Duluth.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Location Map