



## Council Agenda Item 26-0380R

**MEETING DATE:** May 11, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO KTM PAVING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPLE SITES AS PART OF THE STORM DAMAGE CIVIL SITES REPAIRS PROJECT

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kooper Andringa, Project Tech, Property & Facilities Management

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

### **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved Resolution 25-0209R RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AMI CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR CIVIL, STRUCTURAL, AND LANDSCAPING ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR DAMAGE REPAIR PROJECTS AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS FROM THREE SEPARATE STORM EVENTS.

**BACKGROUND:** Between April 2023 and June 2024, the City of Duluth experienced three significant flood events in April 2023 (FEMA Disaster 4722), September 2023 (State Disaster), and June 2024 (FEMA Disaster 4797) that caused widespread damage to public infrastructure. High-velocity stormwater flows during these events resulted in washouts, structural failures, and erosion affecting numerous trails, culverts, boardwalks, and pedestrian bridges throughout the city.

Following each event, City staff conducted initial site assessments, including a geo-referenced photo inventory of damaged locations. Staff then worked with representatives from the State of Minnesota and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to prepare the documentation required to support the Governor's requests for State and Federal Disaster Declarations. These declarations made the damaged sites eligible for FEMA Public Assistance (PA) and State Disaster funding.

To advance the repair and restoration of these facilities, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a consulting firm to provide professional design and engineering services. The scope of work included preliminary survey, development of biddable construction documents, construction survey and layout, permitting services, cost estimating, and construction administration. Because the project is funded through FEMA and State Disaster programs, the RFP required firms to demonstrate experience with FEMA PA requirements, the 406 Hazard Mitigation (HM) process, and State Disaster procedures.

Under the RFP, the consultant was tasked with preparing design solutions that first restore each site to its pre-event condition in accordance with FEMA PA "Damage Descriptions," followed by the development of 406 HM alternate designs once FEMA approved the initial PA scope. The consultant also supported the City through the bidding process and assisted in developing bid packages grouped by similar work types, including bridge replacements, trail restoration, culvert and earthwork repairs, and specialty trail construction.

The construction contract associated with this resolution represents the next step in implementing these

federally and state-funded recovery efforts. The contract includes repair work across multiple disaster-impacted sites and will restore damaged public assets while meeting all applicable FEMA, State Disaster, and local requirements. Acceptance of this contract will allow the City to proceed with construction and continue the recovery and mitigation of infrastructure affected by the 2023 and 2024 flood events

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** Budget is \$2,251,588.27. All damage from either FEMA event will be covered by FEMA (75%) and the State (25%), while the 2023 State declared disaster cost will require a 25% match from the City of Duluth and the remaining 75% will be covered by the State.

Funding for the project comes from three declared disasters from April 2023 (FEMA), September 2023 (State), and June 2024 (FEMA). As with previous disaster recovery efforts, the majority of eligible costs will be reimbursed by state and federal disaster recovery agencies. The City will use its disaster fund and in-kind contributions of staff time to fulfill the approximately \$273,071.17 total local match requirement.

Flood Event	Estimated Total Cost	City Responsibility
April 2023 FEMA 4722	\$426,500.94	\$0
September 2023 State #75	\$1,092,284.67	\$273,071.17
June 2024 FEMA 4797	\$718,492.77	\$0
Additional City Requested Work	\$14,304.00	\$14,304.00

- 225-125-1823-5310-FLD0423 (Disaster Recovery Fund, Finance, Flooding April 2023 (FEMA), Contract Services, Flooding April 14, 2023 (FEMA)),
- 225-125-1824-5310-FLD0923 (Disaster Recovery Fund, Finance, Flooding September 2023 (State), Contract Services, Flooding September 23, 2023),
- 225-125-1825-5310-FLD0624 (Disaster Recovery Fund, Finance, Flooding June 2024 (FEMA), Contract Services, Flooding June 18, 2024 (FEMA)).

**OPTIONS:** Approve the resolution to allow the construction contract to be finalized and repair work will begin on multiple sites affected by the three declared disaster events.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Site Maps.