

# Council Agenda Item 26-R



**MEETING DATE:** February 23, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO VEIT & COMPANY, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE “LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT – SPIRIT VALLEY” PROJECT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,960,738.00.

**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 the end of 2037. This project will replace 430 lead water services: 400 lead services in the Spirit Valley neighborhood and 30 lead services remaining in the Fond Du Lac and Gary neighborhoods. Project costs will be reimbursed through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA). Duluth’s 2025 lead service line replacement projects were completed under budget allowing remaining funding to be utilized in 2026 including construction of this project.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** All project costs will be reimbursed by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. If the City does not receive funding from the MPFA, the project will be put on hold.

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve – This option will replace antiquated infrastructure, 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 delay necessary lead service line replacements and leave available funding unutilized.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve the purchase.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Location Map, bid tabulation