

# Council Agenda Item 26-0203R



**MEETING DATE:** March 23, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO JMF CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGH PRIORITY LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PHASE 2 BLANKET PROJECT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,640,372.00.

**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. Phase 1 of the “High Priority Lead Service Line Replacement Program” was instituted by the City in 2024 and continue throught 2025, addressing urgent lead service replacement needs outside of neighborhood-wide lead replacement projects. To be eligible for replacement under this program a lead service line (LSL) must exhibit one of the following conditions:

- LSL serving a daycare or child-care facilities
- LSL serving a concentrated population of persons vulnerable to the effects of lead
- LSL presenting an immediate or severe public health risk
- LSL proven to be actively leaking
- LSL that was missed or unable to be replaced during a previous neighborhood-wide LSLR project
- LSL that was partially replaced (public portion) by the City during an emergency repair
- LSL that was partially replaced (private portion) by the Owner during an emergency repair or as part of a planned utility improvement
- LSL in a right of way corridor having planned pavement surface improvements

The current project under “Phase 2” of the program will continue urgent replacement of qualifying LSLs until the spring of 2027. This project will enlist a single contractor to replace approximately 80 lead services as needs arise. Project costs will be reimbursed through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA).

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:**

- Engineer’s Estimate           \$ 2,287,700.00
- As-bid Cost                     \$ 1,640,372.00
- PFA Reimbursable Costs   \$ 1,640,372.00
- City Utility Costs             \$           0.00

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve – This option will use available lead replacement funding to respond to the most urgent lead service line replacement needs and best serve the resident of Duluth.
- 2) Do Not Approve - This option would fail to fully utilize lead service line replacement funding, ignore lead service line replacement requirements, and leave the most urgent lead service line replacement needs unaddressed.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Bid Tabulation