

Council Agenda Item 26-0125R



MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HANCO UTILITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT – EAST HILLSIDE 1 PROJECT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,972,447.50.

SUBMITTED BY: Steven Hohenstein, 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 474 lead water services in the East Hillside neighborhood.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Project costs will be reimbursed through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA). This project is listed a fundable on the PFA's 2026 Intended Use Plan; if funding is not awarded, the project will not proceed.

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.

ATTACHMENTS: Location Map, bid tabulation.