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AGENDA

SAN BRUNO CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

February 17, 2023

5:30 PM

Consistent with Government Code Section 54953€, this meeting will be held both in person and virtually. City Councilmembers and members of the public may attend the public comment portion of the meeting, by teleconference, via Zoom or telephone.

REMOTE VIA ZOOM or TELEPHONE

Zoom Link:

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ACCESSIBILITY: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals requiring special accommodations or modifications to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk’s Office 48 hours prior to the meeting at (650) 616-7061 or CityClerk@sanbruno.ca.gov.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Individuals allowed three minutes. It is the Council’s policy to refer matters raised in this forum to staff for investigation and/or action where appropriate. The Brown Act prohibits the Council from discussing or acting upon any matter not agendaized pursuant to State Law.

4. **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

a. Adopt a Resolution:

- Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with C2R Engineering in the Amount of \$250,000 to Complete Stormwater Drain Pipeline Repairs at Caltrans Property at the North West Corner of Skyline Boulevard and Sneath Lane;
- Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$250,000 from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and,
- Approving a Total Project Budget in the Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Posted Pursuant to Law



City Council Agenda Item Staff Report

CITY OF SAN BRUNO

DATE: February 17, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Matthew Lee P.E., Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution:

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BACKGROUND:

The City's stormwater system is aging. Many segments need to be replaced to prevent pipe failure that causes soil erosion, and sinkholes. Due to the systems age and insufficient funding to replace/repair the Stormwater System, it is deteriorating at a more rapid rate. The system was largely constructed before San Bruno's growth as a City and most of the main branches of the system were constructed in the early 1900s. Substantial capital improvements to maintain the current Stormwater System has been urgently needed for some time to prevent private and public property damage due to failed pipe and storm events.

In late December 2022 and early January 2023, California began experiencing severe winter storms related to a series of atmospheric river systems causing record rainfall. In response to this storm event, the City activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Monday, January 3, 2023, to redeploy City resources and personnel to perform essential functions and ensure public safety by working to protect infrastructure. The City remains under a Local State of Emergency. While the major rain has stopped and the flooding has subsided, the City continues to proactively respond to infrastructure damage and plans to implement repairs as quickly as is feasible.

On January 6, 2023, this winter storm caused the City's 54-inch stormwater drain pipeline to collapse and create a large sinkhole measuring approximately 24 feet by 16 feet at the Caltrans property at the north west corner of Sneath Lane and Skyline Boulevard. The failed pipeline is located within property owned by Caltrans and currently utilized as an off-site parking lot for Church of the Highlands. A temporary "band aid" repair was completed the night of the failure to prevent the sink hole from getting larger. However, the repair began to show signs of eminent

erosion of the sinkhole and additional caving of the sinkhole. The City rediscovered several blockages below and above the failure. There were significant concerns that the sinkhole would widen and/or affect other areas downstream if not repaired immediately.

On February 3, 2023, a more permanent repair began, consisting of the repair of approximately 220 linear feet of storm drain pipeline that had been identified as needing to be repaired by an earlier closed-circuit television (CCTV) crawler inspection camera. This emergency repair was authorized by the City's Director of the EOC. The cost of this repair was estimated at \$600,000 to be funded from the City's General Fund Emergency Reserves. Pre-storm balance of this fund was approx. \$2.8 million. The City will attempt to seek reimbursement from Federal/State disaster funds and insurance, however, if these efforts are unsuccessful, the cost must be borne by the City.

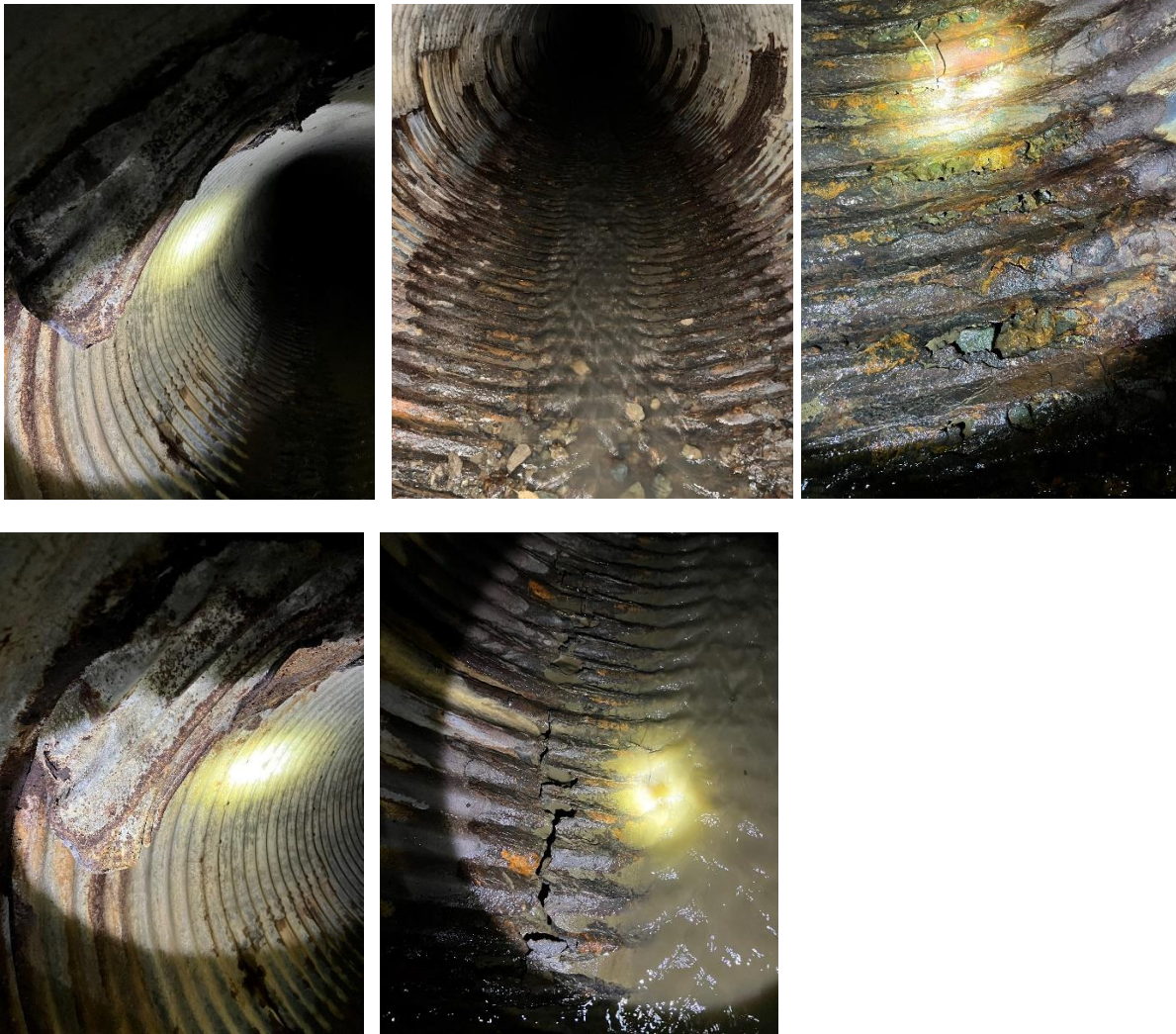
These repairs consist of:

- Pipeline replacement with 60-inch high density polyethylene pipe;
- Pipeline installation and materials per Caltrans standard specifications;
- Backfill material;
- Caltrans coordination;
- Bypass pumping
- Manhole installation; and
- Paving and concrete curb and gutter repair.

Replacement of the existing 54-inch storm drain pipeline required bypassing of runoff at an upstream location. On February 15, 2023, further analysis of the condition of the pipeline was completed with runoff no longer flowing within the existing storm drain. Based on that analysis, it was determined that an additional approximately 120 linear feet of 54-inch corrugated metal pipeline has fully corroded and is in need of immediate repairs. Given the condition of the pipeline, if left in place, could potentially cause another large sinkhole during the next heavy rain. The recommended solution is to replace the 120 linear feet with 60-inch high density polyethylene pipe and backfilled with controlled density fill.

The pictures (Figure 1) below show representative photos of the condition of the additional 120 linear feet of pipeline that is recommended to be replaced. Large void space has been observed between each of the ribs on the corrugated metal pipeline.

Figure 1 – Photos of Corrosion and Failed Pipe



DISCUSSION:

While repairs of the initial 220 linear feet of storm drain pipeline are continuing to be performed under the current Local State of Emergency related to the winter storms, further emergency repairs are necessary on approximately 120 additional linear feet of corrugated metal pipe. The corrugated metal pipe has fully corroded along that storm drain alignment and staff is proposing to replace the corroded pipe with durable high density polyethylene pipe.

Under normal non-emergency conditions, a project of this size would require public bidding. Due to the extent of the failure along the storm drain pipeline and high possibility of additional storm drain collapse and formation of sinkholes, staff determined that it would be prudent to waive public bidding process for this emergency repair. This action is allowed under emergency authority San Bruno Municipal Code section 2.44.120(A) and the California Public Contract Code Section 20168, which authorizes the City Manager to take such action in an emergency. California State law and the Municipal Code requires that when the City Manager waives the bidding requirements due to an emergency, the City Council may ratify the action by a 4/5th vote,

which declares the existence of the emergency and need for the repair, waives the informal bidding process, and ratifies the execution of the contract for the amount of \$250,000. C2R Engineering is the contractor utilized to make the repair as they are already mobilized on site to perform the work.

To complete the repair, City Council authorization is needed to both authorize and appropriate additional funding to perform the work. Deferring the repair to the pipe has a high probability of potential sinkholes in future storms.

Funding for stormwater operations and capital improvement projects is constrained and inadequate as the only dedicated funding is a stormwater assessment collected on the property tax bills, which generates total revenue of approximately \$600,000 annually. Recent efforts to increase annual stormwater fees that failed at the ballot to gain majority approval from property owners for dedicated funding to repair and rehabilitate the City's stormwater system. This is another real example of the problem with dilapidated infrastructure and years of insignificant funding to properly repair and maintain the system.

If authorized by the City Council, repairs are expected to be completed by the end of March 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As of February 17, 2023, the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund's balance is \$7,706,352. This amount is sufficient to fund the estimated total project cost and allocation of approximately \$250,000 which includes construction and construction contingency.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project meets criteria set forth in State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline Section 15302 "Replacement or Reconstruction" since the project involves the replacement of existing facilities where the new storm drain pipeline will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This project has no potential to cause a significant effect on the environment and therefore also qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3) "Review for Exemption."

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

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ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not repair dilapidated storm drain pipeline.
2. Delay and defer repair of dilapidated storm drain pipeline.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Location Map

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- ____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH C2R ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 TO COMPLETE STORMWATER DRAIN PIPELINE REPAIRS AT CALTRANS PROPERTY AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF SKYLINE BOULEVARD AND SNEATH LANE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND APPROVING A TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000; AND, MAKING DECLARATIONS AND FINDINGS OF AN EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City of San Bruno desires to utilize the services of a well-qualified contractor to assist the City with repair services for corroded storm drain pipeline located at the Caltrans Property at the northwest corner of Skyline Boulevard and Sneath Lane; and

WHEREAS, the recent winter storm caused the City's 54-inch storm drain pipeline to collapse and resulted in the formation of a large sinkhole; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the existing 54-inch storm drain pipeline required bypassing runoff and with runoff no longer flowing it became apparent that an additional approximately 120 linear feet of storm drain pipeline has fully corroded and is in need of immediate repairs; and

WHEREAS, under normal non-emergency conditions a project of this size would require public bidding but due to the extent of the failure and high possibility for future formation of sinkholes and storm drain collapse it was determined to be prudent to waive public bidding process for this emergency repair; and

WHEREAS, this action is allowed under emergency authority municipal code section 2.44.120(A) and California Public Contract Code Section 20168 which authorizes the City Manager to take such action in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Public Contract Code Section 20168 states that in case of an emergency, the legislative body may pass a resolution by a four-fifths vote of its members declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, or property. Upon adoption of the resolution, it may expend any sum required in the emergency without complying with this chapter. If notice for bids to let contracts will not be given, the legislative body shall comply with Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 22050).; and

WHEREAS, Public Contract Code Section 20168 states that (a) (1) In the case of an emergency, a public agency, pursuant to a four-fifths vote of its governing body, may repair or replace a public facility, take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts. (2) Before a governing body takes any action pursuant to paragraph (1), it shall make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in the minutes of its meeting, that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that the action is necessary to respond to the emergency.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may approve the action by a 4/5th vote which declares the existence of the emergency and need for the repair, waives the information bidding process, and ratifies the execution of the contract for the amount of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the prior fiscal year, on June 30, 2022, the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund's projected ending balance was \$8.0 million. This amount is sufficient to fund the estimated total project cost of approximately \$250,000 which includes construction and construction contingency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Bruno City Council hereby declares that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, or property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Bruno City Council hereby finds, based on substantial evidence presented at this meeting, that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that the action is necessary to respond to the emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Bruno City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute a construction contract with C2R Engineering in the amount of \$250,000 to complete storm drain pipeline repairs at Caltrans property located at the north west corner of Skyline Boulevard and Sneath Lane, appropriating \$250,000 from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund, and approving a total project budget in the amount of \$250,000.

Dated: February 17, 2023

ATTEST:

Vicky Hasha, Deputy City Clerk

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I, Vicky Hasha, Deputy City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of San Bruno this 17th day of February 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: _____

NOES: Councilmembers _____

ABSENT: Councilmembers: _____



Attachment 2 – Location Map