

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the construction of the Richmond - South Tabor Sewer Rehabilitation, BES Project No. E10383 for \$4,590,000 (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to authorize a contract with lowest responsible bidder to construct the “Richmond – South Tabor Sewer Rehabilitation” project. This project is part of the City-wide effort to replace or rehabilitate failing sewers, called “Large-Scale Sewer Rehab Program, Phase 3”.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The result of this legislation includes the following:

- No changes the BES FY 2018-19 budget is required.
- The level of confidence is high.
- This project will neither generate nor reduce current or future revenue.
- No new City positions will be created.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Environmental Services has designed a large-scale sewer project in the Richmond and South Tabor neighborhoods to replace or repair approximately 12,484 feet of public sewer pipes that are on average 90 years old and deteriorating due to age. Aging, deteriorating sewer pipes pose a risk to water quality, public health and the environment. Deteriorated pipes can cause basement backups and sewage releases, the consequences of which would be catastrophic to homes, businesses, streets and other public infrastructure. The sewer repairs will enhance livability by improving sewer and stormwater infrastructure, increasing sewer capacity and reducing the risks of street flooding and sewage releases to homes, businesses and streets. The project represents over four million dollars of investment into these neighborhoods. Construction is anticipated to begin in late Summer of 2017 and take a little over a year (410 days) to complete.

The project area is located in Southeast Portland, and is divided in half between two neighborhoods. The area to the east of SE 52nd Avenue is part of South Tabor, while the area to the west of SE 52nd Avenue is part of Richmond. The project boundaries do not coincide with the neighborhood boundaries. The project area is bounded on the north by SE Division Street, and on the south by SE Powell Boulevard with a section of pipe being repaired just south of Powell Boulevard in the Creston-Kenilworth neighborhood. To the east, the project is bounded by SE 71st Avenue and on the west by SE 36th Avenue. There are four designated “Greenways” in the project area (SE Woodward Street, SE Clinton Street, SE 41st Avenue, and SE 43rd Avenue). There are also designated low-traffic shared roadways in the project area including, SE Franklin Street, 45th, 65th, and 71st Avenues.

Both the Richmond and South Tabor neighborhoods are predominantly white, with white residents making up approximately 84% and 75% respectively. Residents in the Richmond neighborhood are on average younger than their neighbors in South Tabor, with 36% of Richmond residents averaging between 22-39, while 35% of

South Tabor residents averaging between 40-64 years old. One large difference between the neighborhoods is the population size. Richmond has nearly double the number of residents compared to South Tabor. (demographic information gathered from the 2010 US Census).

Public Involvement (PI) staff with Environmental Services have led, and will continue to lead, the design and implementation of public involvement, outreach and information services for this project. During the design phase of this project BES has shared information with the community through mailings, email updates, presentations at businesses and neighborhood associations, and established web pages.

The project area is mainly residential, with most businesses located around the major thoroughfares of SE Powell and Cesar Chavez Boulevards, SE 52nd Avenue, and SE Division Street. There is an active business association operating in or near the project area. That organization is the Division-Clinton Business Association (DCBA). The DCBA meets once a month, and PI staff have presented information and material to that group at significant design milestones.

There are two neighborhood associations that also meet on a regular basis. The Richmond Neighborhood Association (RNA), and the South Tabor Neighborhood Association (STNA). PI staff has also presented material and important project information to these associations at significant design milestones.

During these presentations, PI staff brought project newsletters for distribution, comment cards for community members to provide input on the project, and email update signup sheets for those that would like to continue to receive information about the project outside of the public presentations. PI staff has kept in contact with the chairs of these organizations to pass on information to members that were not able to attend the presentations via email or social media.

During design, two newsletters were mailed to all area addresses and property owners within the project boundaries during significant design milestones. All properties and property owners within a two-block radius of night work were mailed information of that purposed work including information on how to make comments to the Noise Board. This information was also made available during the presentations to the neighborhood and business associations. During design milestones, PI staff updated the project website, and sent brief announcements out to residents who signed up for email updates. PI staff, along with the project team visited residents and property owners where work was going to take place on their property to explain the situation, answer any questions, and get POEs signed.

Once locations of pipes to be repaired or replaced were identified, PI staff visited businesses located adjacent to proposed construction to explain the project and provide a business survey. These surveys gather information regarding access, parking, hours of operation, and a place for comments. They are voluntary, and once sent back to BES, they are categorized in the Communications Log.

Nonconforming Sewer properties were identified during the design process, and outreach material in the form of branch maps and letters were sent out to property owners explaining their situation and requesting either a signed approval of the proposed lateral connection, or a proposed change in location. These notifications were sent out twice during the design process and monthly intervals. BES PI would save and document the signed branch maps once they were received back from the property owners.

There were certain locations in the project area that had significant impacts. PI staff worked closely with the property owners and residents to provide and receive as much information as possible. Franklin High School is an example of a location that could experience impacts as construction for both the Franklin High School Modernization Project and the Richmond-South Tabor Sewer Repair Project will be overlapping construction

schedules. This has not only an impact on access for the Franklin High project, but also for the neighbors around the school, and the students/faculty that will be attending it in the Fall of 2018. PI staff have coordinated with project managers for the Franklin High Modernization Project to ensure these two projects do not overlap, and that the Richmond-South Tabor Project not take place in areas around the school during school hours. PI staffed and the BES project team have added language in the specifications detailing these restrictions and contact information of PPS project managers. There is a location that has required significant outreach due a large diameter pipe located directly under a stakeholder's property. BES Project Team made multiple visits to the resident's home, and PI kept in direct contact with the homeowner throughout the design process. This consistent contact smoothed what could have been a difficult situation.

Public concerns and issues identified throughout the design of this project helped shape the final design. To address community concerns and impacts as much as possible, we are including special provisions in the contract that will include:

- Restricted work around Franklin High School during the finalization of the Modernization Project currently taking place there.
- Prohibitions on activities while school classes are in session at Franklin High School, Pioneer & Youngson Schools, and St. Ignatius School.
- Night work to take place at three locations in the project area with restricted hours.
 - SE Cesar Chavez Blvd between SE Powell Blvd and SE Brooklyn Street.
 - SE Franklin Street between SE 54th and 55th Avenues.
 - SE Division Street between SE 59th and 61st Avenues.

Prior to and during construction, public involvement, community outreach and public information services will focus on preparing property owners, residents and businesses for construction. PI staff will develop and distribute project mailings, door flyers, and other advance notifications to property owners and occupants within the project area; regularly update the project web site; provide regular construction schedule updates via email to interested parties; and work directly with property owners and occupants where unique issues may arise during construction.

Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process: Rhetta Drennan, Community Outreach and Information Representative, 503-823-6006, Rhetta.Drennan@portlandoregon.gov

There are no groups expected to testify.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

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