

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for construction of the NW Aspen Combined Sewer Extension Project No. E10953, through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize BES to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights for the construction of the NW Aspen Combined Sewer Extension Project. This project is part of the Nonconforming Sewer Conversion Program. The program's goal is for all properties in the City to have individual and direct connections to the public sewer system. This project will construct a combined sewer extension to resolve non-conforming sewer connections for five properties along NW Aspen Ave in NW Portland. There will be no change to the overall CIP program or City policies.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The legislation authorizes BES to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights for the construction of the NW Aspen Ave Combined Sewer Extension Project. It does not affect current or future staffing levels or appropriations. It does not affect current or future City revenue. Funds are available in the FY 20-21 budget to cover expenses of acquiring easements.

Community impacts and community involvement:*Community Description:*

The project area is in the Northwest Portland neighborhood, along NW Aspen Ave between NW Belgrave Ave and NW Franklin Ct and extends on private property of 2102 and 2024 NW Aspen Ave. The project area consists of single-family residentially zoned properties.

Per the 2019 ACS Census information, the project area zip code has a median income of \$77,845 per household. This is above the Multnomah county median income of \$69,176 per year. The project area zip code is 88.7% White, 4.1% Black, 1.1% American Indian, and 6.7% Asian.

Outreach:

Environmental Services has conducted extensive community outreach and public involvement activities in the project area. Outreach and public involvement initiatives completed include:

- Multiple project mailings and informational flyers sent to homes throughout the area
- On-site visits and consultations with impacted property owners
- Personal letters, phone calls, and email correspondence with impacted property owners

Cheryl Kuck of Environmental Services has been the primary contact for community outreach and public involvement during this project.

Significant Concerns:

Permanent easements are an encumbrance on the affected properties, and the affected properties are not direct beneficiaries of the sewer extension project (their sewers are conforming). However, permanent sewer easements already cover an existing storm sewer in the area and these new easements will cover gaps in existing easement coverage and extend to cover this new combined sewer.

Positive Outcomes

The easements will provide a means for the City to extend the existing sewer system, resolving non-conforming sewers for properties along NW Aspen Ave. Resolving non-conforming sewers through City-led sewer extension projects provides several positive benefits. The non-conforming sewers in the area are aging and some have failed. Maintenance of non-conforming sewers, particularly private lines in the right-of-way can be cumbersome and expensive. Providing BES-maintained sewers to these properties is a long-term benefit for the property owners and the health of the environment.

100% Renewable Goal:

- This project will neither increase or decrease the City's total energy use.
- This project neither contributes nor takes away from the City's goal of meeting 100 percent of community-wide energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount