



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Riggins and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: December 2, 2025 Meeting date: January 12, 2026

Subject: Rejection of Bids for the Encinal Canyon Road 60-Inch Storm Drain Repairs Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Reject all bids received for the Encinal Canyon Road 60-Inch Storm Drain Repairs Project (Project), Specification No. 2113; and 2) direct staff to revise scope of work required to repair the storm drain on Encinal Canyon Road and rebid the Project.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: N/A.

DISCUSSION: The 2022 Storm Drain Master Plan identified that an existing 60-inch Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) storm drain crossing Encinal Canyon Road was damaged and requires to be replaced. The CMP has deteriorated along the pipe invert due to age-related corrosion. The project improvements include installing a spiral wound polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe liner to restore the structural integrity and extend the service life of the pipe. This method was selected rather than excavating the roadway at a depth of 20-30 feet deep to replace the storm drain.

This Project was brought to Council on September 8, 2025. At this meeting, Council rejected all bids and directed staff to rebid the Project. On September 11, 2025, the final Project plans and specifications for the Encinal Canyon Road 60-Inch Storm Drain Repairs Project were re-advertised for formal competitive bidding. On October 9, 2025, a total of

four (4) bids were received for the Project and the apparent low bidder was The Adjul Corporation (DBA Lee Construction Co.).

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
The Adjul Corporation (DBA Lee Construction Co.)	\$377,825.00
Performance Paving	\$401,196.00
Bosco Constructors, Inc.	\$754,000.00
James W. Fowler Co.	\$784,999.00

While staff was reviewing the submitted bids, the apparent low bidder conducted preliminary construction inspections and observed that the existing 60-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) on Encinal Canyon Road had significantly deteriorated beyond what was identified in the original design documents. City staff investigated the 60-inch CMP and confirmed the following worsened conditions of the pipe. An offset joint was found around 15 feet into the pipe, resulting in a reduced vertical clearance of approximately 40 inches from the floor to ceiling. In addition, a severe deformity was observed protruding downward from the top of the pipe, leaving an available clearance of only about 41 inches in another section. These conditions have significantly changed since developing the original project design.

The contract documents specified a spiral-wound polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe liner as the rehabilitation method. This product relies on the host pipe maintaining its original circular geometry in order to be properly installed and to perform as intended. Due to the offset joint, deformation, and other damage now documented within the 60-inch CMP, the spiral-wound PVC liner can no longer be utilized as a feasible repair option. A more intensive rehabilitation or replacement strategy will be required to restore the pipe to its original 60-inch diameter and structural capacity.

Restoring the pipe to its full 60-inch diameter is critical and necessary to ensure the facility can adequately convey storm event flows and reduce the risk of upstream flooding and roadway damage. Proceeding under the current contract documents, which were based on less severe damaged pipe conditions and a rehabilitation method that is no longer constructible, would likely result in significant change orders, schedule delays, and potential constructability issues during construction.

Given the increased damage to the pipe, staff recommends that City Council reject all bids and direct staff to revise the scope of work to include a repair method appropriate for the observed condition and to rebid the Project with updated plans and specifications.

ATTACHMENTS: None