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Memorandum 22-175

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
FROM: Janette Keiser, PE, Director of Public Works
DATE: September 29, 2022
SUBJECT: East Road Services IDIQ Contract

- I. **Issue:** The purpose of this memorandum is to request an emergency ordinance to repair Alder Lane.
- II. **Background:** Alder Lane is about 1000 feet long. The City maintains the first 400 feet. The rest of the road is the responsibility of the property owners. The original project to extend a water main down Alder Lane did not include upgrading the entire length of the road. The design called for most of the water line itself, 1200 LF, to be installed outside of the traveled way. The greatest impact to the road would have resulted from the trenches excavated across the traveled way for the purpose of installing water service lines. The plans called for these trenches to be backfilled as structural trench sections; that is, capable of supporting traffic.

The rainy weather and poor native soils as well as the construction contractor's inexperienced workers combined to turn what was already a sub-standard road into, when it is wet, an almost impassable mess. We propose to remedy the situation by digging out an additional 250 feet of road, beyond what we already maintain, in much the same way we have been digging out frost boils on other substandard roads. This would return the traveled way to driving condition and enable us to extend our road maintenance. This work needs to be done before it snows so it is imperative we do it as soon as possible. Last year, it snowed in late October.

We propose to do this work using East Road Services' IDIQ contract at an estimated cost of \$40,000. We will be withholding payment from the Alder Lane water line contractor. It won't be enough to cover all the costs, but it will deter them from coming back to Homer.

- III. **Recommendations:** That the City Council authorize an emergency ordinance to (1) appropriate \$40,000 from the HART Road Fund and (2) increase the East Road Services IDIQ contract by \$40,000 to repair Alder Lane.