STAFF REPORT

Saint Paul Regional Water Services February 18, 2025

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 25-298

Pertaining to authorizing professional services with KLJ Engineering to provide engineering services.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: Infrastructure Strategy and Performance

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is planning significant improvements to Robert St. between Annapolis St. and Kellogg Blvd. Construction will likely occur in 2026-2029. The project will repair or replace the roadway pavement, replace sidewalks, improve safety, and will be coordinated with other infrastructure work planned along the corridor such as utility replacement and transit improvements.

In August 2024, the project also received $7 million from the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation, a comprehensive transportation funding package. This will help fund the full reconstruction of the roadway. In January 2025, the project received a $25 million RAISE grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The grant will fund the replacement of the viaduct between Cesar Chavez St. and King St. on Robert St. The nearly 100-year-old viaduct currently requires ongoing repairs.

MnDOT has retained the engineering firm KLJ Engineering to complete preliminary planning, design, and construction oversight for the project.

Most of the drinking water infrastructure in the project area was installed in the 1880's. Based on the current lead service inventory there are a significant number of lead service lines that serve the homes along the roadway corridor. Coordinating with the road reconstruction project and utilizing KLJ Engineering would allow SPRWS to coordinate this work, replace aging water system infrastructure and replace the lead services within the project area in a cost-effective manner while also reducing the overall construction impacts to the residents and neighborhood.

SPRWS staff have negotiated the scope for the project and KLJ Engineering has agreed to provide such services at a cost not to exceed $101,568.76.

Attached: Scope of Work & Fee Summary

RECOMMENDATION

Approval