



Legislation Text

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Authorizing not using a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the following projects: Sewer Cleaning and Televising Projects (Cleveland-Youngman, Montreal-Woodlawn, Snelling-Juno), MRB Sanitary Tunnel Cleaning, Tunnel Shafts, Flandrau-Case Stormwater Facility Improvements, 2019 Citywide Sewer Lining, and 2019 Citywide Sewer Repairs.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council has adopted a policy on the use of Project Labor Agreements ("PLA") pursuant to Council File #09-584 for projects involving \$250,000 or more of city money; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Sewer Utility is undertaking sewer related cleaning, inspection, and repair projects, with project total budgets over \$250,000;

Sewer Cleaning and Televising Projects

(3- projects; Cleveland-Youngman, Montreal-Woodlawn, Snelling-Juno)

Project Description: Clean and televise sanitary sewers and manholes, and televise storm sewers and manholes

Estimated Cost: \$500,000 for each project

Estimated Start Date: Spring 2019

Estimated Project Timeline: 6 months

MRB Sanitary Tunnel Cleaning Project

Project Description: Clean deep sanitary tunnel within corridor of Mississippi River Boulevard

Estimated Cost: \$700,000

Estimated Start Date: Fall of 2019

Estimated Project Timeline: 3-4 months

Tunnel Shafts Project

Project Description: Construct two to four new tunnel shafts to enable tunnel maintenance and repairs

Estimated Cost: \$2,400,000

Estimated Start Date: Fall of 2019 or 2020

Estimated Project Timeline: 6 months

Flandrau-Case Stormwater Facility Improvements Project.

Project Description: Modify existing facility to improve stormwater quality and detention benefits, and access for maintenance

Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000

Estimated Start Date: 2019 or 2020

Estimated Project Timeline: 6 months

2019 Citywide Sewer Repair Project

Project Description: Repair broken sewer piping and/or manholes via excavation in public streets

Estimated Cost: \$500,000

Estimated Start Date: Spring 2019

Estimated Project Timeline: 2 months

2019 Citywide Sewer Lining Project

Project Description: Clean and televise sewers, install cured-in-place liner inside existing sewer, re-televise lined sewer

Estimated Cost: \$2,500,000

Estimated Start Date: Fall 2019 or Early 2020

Estimated Project Timeline: 12 months; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Sewer Utility sent a written "Notice and Request for Recommendation on the Use of a PLA" to interested parties on November 21, 2018 and received one response; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Building and Construction Trades Council which stated, "dollar amount and multi-craft project" as reasons they recommend a PLA for these projects, with no other recommendations for using a PLA; and

WHEREAS, the PLA response form offered no specifics which would indicate concerns over dollar amount, or multi-craft; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Sewer Utility has recommended against the use of a PLA for the following reasons:

- ☐ the projects are publicly bid by unit price and lump sum bid items, and labor rates are established by prevailing wage labor rates which meet or exceed union rates. Project bid documents require labor costs and total project costs to be included within unit and lump sum bid prices,
- ☐ small work crews (2-4 people) complete cleaning, televising, repair (via excavation), and lining of sewers in streets or easements; whereas sewer vacator and televising trucks, and backhoes are primarily used to complete such projects,
- ☐ out of state contractors bid on sewer lining, and sewer cleaning and televising projects,
- ☐ low risk of strikes occurring,
- ☐ small work crews complete tunnel cleaning and tunnel shaft projects; now, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves to NOT USE a PLA on the Cleveland-Youngman Sewer Cleaning and Televising, Montreal-Woodlawn Sewer Cleaning and Televising, Snelling-Juno Sewer Cleaning and Televising, MRB Sanitary Tunnel Cleaning, 2019 Citywide Sewer Lining, Flandrau-Case Stormwater Facility Improvements, 2019 Citywide Sewer Repair, and Tunnel Shafts Projects