



Memorandum

Date: 6/20/2023
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 23-084
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:
Approval of the King County Lake Hills Sewer Upgrade Project Utility Easement

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division plans to construct the Lake Hills Trunk (LHT) Sewer Upgrade Project to replace the existing regional sewer line serving Redmond and Bellevue for over 50 years. The existing line sends wastewater to King County’s Brightwater Treatment Facility in Woodinville and is reaching capacity as it nears the end of its service life. Within Redmond, the LHT Project will eventually upgrade approximately 4.5 miles of sewer line (See Attachment A). King County needs to locate a portion of the line on City property on the east side of the Sammamish River within the Sammamish River Trail between Redmond Way and the Redmond Central Connector and has offered to pay the City \$10,358.00 for a 2,734 sq. ft. utility easement. After reviewing King County’s offer, staff recommends that the City Council approve granting the easement. (see Attachments B and C).

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
N/A
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

The new LHT line will connect to the Brightwater Treatment Facility to allow sewage to flow through the pipes using gravity, while limiting impacts to environmentally sensitive areas and avoiding other utilities, residential, and commercial uses.

The following Redmond *Comprehensive Plan* policies support the LHT Sewer Upgrade Project:

- Framework Policy FW-31: Plan, finance, build, rehabilitate, and maintain capital facilities and services that support the City’s Future Vision and Land Use Plan...and ensure adequate provision of needed infrastructure and services.
- Utility Policy UT-1: Ensure that adequate public utilities and facilities are planned for, located, extended, and sized consistent with the planned growth described in the Goals, Vision and Framework Policies.

RCW 35A.11.010 - Rights, powers, and privileges, authorizes the City of Redmond to conduct real estate property transactions such as the proposed sale of this utility easement to King County.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
King County began alternatives analysis in 2014 and public outreach in 2016. Construction is planned to begin in 2024.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
King County has worked to inform the public about the project through meetings, briefings, a webpage, and news releases.
- **Feedback Summary:**
Information about King County’s public outreach can be found at the project website:
<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wtd/capital-projects/active/lake-hills-nw-lake-sammamish.aspx>.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
N/A

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:
N/A

Budget Priority:
Strategic and Responsive

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

King County is offering to pay \$10,358.00 to the City of Redmond for the utility easement.

Funding source(s):
N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/13/2023	Committee of the Whole - FAC	Provide direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

King County requests that the City of Redmond grant the utility easement prior to project construction starting in 2024.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Delay in granting the utility easement could affect King County's construction schedule.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: King County Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project Information
- Attachment B: Offer Letter and Draft Utility Easement
- Attachment C: Appraisal of the Lake Hills Trunk Project Utility Easement