

## MEMORANDUM

TO: MRA Board

FROM: Tod Gass, Project Manager

**DATE:** September 13, 2021

SUBJECT: URD II Montana Idaho Water & Sidewalk Project

Request To Enter Into Design MOU with Missoula Water

At the June 14, 2021 MRA Board meeting, the Board approved an URD II Water Network Program in the MRA CIP and FY22 Budget, along with an URD II Sidewalk Program 2022 Construction Phase. Staff has been working with Missoula Water to identify deficiencies in the URD II municipal water delivery system and prioritizing the build out of the water network in these deficient areas of URD II. The focus of the URD II Water Network Program over the next 3 years will be in the Idaho, Montana, Inez, and California Streets area of central URD II.

MRA and Missoula Water are proposing a multi-phase URD II Montana Idaho Water & Sidewalk Project. Phase 1 of the Project will consist of extending the water main in Idaho Street between California Street and Prince Street; and constructing curb, drainage, and sidewalk improvements on Idaho Street and River Street. These MRA public infrastructure improvements will coincide with a private housing redevelopment project on Idaho Street. This private project (Dan Cederberg, Gene Mostad, et al. developers) would be eligible for URD II TIF assistance related to the extension of utilities, such as the extension of the Idaho Street water main; and the construction of public right of way improvements, such as curb, drainage, and pedestrian facilities. The URD II Montana Idaho Water & Sidewalk Project will provide these TIF eligible public infrastructure improvements for the private redevelopment project in addition to furthering the implementation of the two MRA Programs.

MRA and Missoula Water will work as partners under the combined water and sidewalk project. The administration of the project will be structured such that Missoula Water will enter into a Professional Services Agreement for design and construction of the water and sidewalk improvements. MRA and Missoula Water will enter into a design MOU outlining an agreement that MRA will provide the funding for the professional services budget, and later, upon MRA Board approval, enter into a construction MOU outlining an agreement that MRA will provide the funding for construction of the water main and sidewalk improvements. Missoula Water selected IMEG as the Project Engineer from a prequalified list of engineering firms created from a public solicitation of Statements of Qualifications and ranked in accordance with City procurement policy.

IMEG submitted a Scope of Services and Budget consisting of Schedule A – Water Main Design for Idaho, Montana, Inez, and California Streets and Phase 1 Construction Services for Idaho Street water main installation at a cost not to exceed \$78,455; and Schedule B – Curb/Sidewalk Preliminary Design and Public Process for Idaho, River, Montana, and Dakota Streets and Phase 1 Final Design and Construction Services for Idaho and River Streets sidewalk installation at a cost not to exceed \$94,330 - for a total professional services budget not to exceed \$172,785. Staff anticipates requesting Board authorization next year to amend the IMEG agreement for Phase 2 Montana Street water main construction services and Phase 2 Montana and Dakota Streets curb/sidewalk final design and construction services. The following year (2023), Staff will recommend further amending the agreement for Phase 3 water main construction on Inez and California Streets.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board move to authorize MRA to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Missoula Water to provide TIF funding for the IMEG Scope of Services and Budget Schedule A and Schedule B as described in this memo for an amount not to exceed \$172,785.

