

## MEMORANDUM

TO: MRA Board

FROM: Tod Gass, Project Manager

**DATE:** January 12, 2023

SUBJECT: URD II Montana Idaho Water & Sidewalk Project (Ward 3)

Request Authorization To Enter Into a Construction MOU with

Missoula Water

The Montana Idaho Water & Sidewalk Project is a combined URD II Water Network Program Project and an URD II Sidewalk Program Project. The combined project was presented to the MRA Board in the FY22 and FY23 CIP. In the Fall of 2021, the Board authorized MRA to enter into a design MOU with Missoula Water for preliminary design of the Montana Idaho Water & Sidewalk Project area, generally described as Idaho, Montana, Dakota, and River Streets between Russel Street and California Street. The project area has been broken down into three phases and final design was completed this Fall for Phase 1.

Phase 1 consists of a water main installation in Idaho Street connecting to the Russell main on the west and stubbed out into California Street on the east to connect with a future water main to deliver City water to the northern area of the Old Sawmill District. A public Invitation to Bid was advertised at the end of November and bids were opened on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The responsive low bidder is RLC Enterprise with a bid of \$733,988.59 for the water main installation and the curb and sidewalk improvements for Phase 1.

Since the project involves extending the City municipal water delivery system, the project will be structured such that Missoula Water (PWM) will hold the construction contract in the name of the City of Missoula, and MRA will provide the funding for the construction contract through a Memorandum of Understanding with Missoula Water (PWM). MRA and Missoula Water look forward to completing these important public infrastructure improvements next summer that further the goals of the URD Plan and the City Strategic Plan. IMEG has reviewed the RLC Enterprise bid and found it to be responsive, correct, and complete and recommends awarding the construction contract to RLC Enterprise.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board move to authorize MRA to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Missoula Water memorializing MRA's commitment to provide TIF funding for the water main and curb and sidewalk improvements in an amount not to exceed \$733,988.59 and authorize the MRA Board Chairman to sign the MOU.

