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**City Manager's Report**  
**February 11, 2025, City Council Meeting**  
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**Item #: 12.1**

**Subject:** Consider adopting a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Sewer Line Relocation – Clay Street to Locust Avenue project (CIP #41202) and approving the project, approving Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Engineering Services in the amount of \$188,240 with Dewberry Engineers Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same, and approving a \$250,000 budget appropriation from the Measure L Fund.

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**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution:

1. Adopting a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Sewer Line Relocation – Clay Street to Locust Avenue project (CIP #41202) pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving the project; and
2. Approving Amendment No. 4 to the Consulting Services Agreement with Dewberry Engineers Inc. in the amount of \$188,240 for the said project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same; and
3. Approving a budget appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 from the Measure L Fund for the said project.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this item is to adopt the environmental document which would approve the project, and approve a contract amendment, which will enable advancement into the final design and right-of-way phase of the project.

**Strategic Plan Strategy:** Strategy 4 - Update and Maintain City-Owned Infrastructure

**Background:** The Hangtown Creek Sewer Line Relocation Project was originally implemented in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). At that time, the project was funded for design-only by the El Dorado County Water Agency and the Sewer Enterprise Fund; no construction funds were planned for the project. At the City Council meeting held on July 10, 2012, a contract was awarded to Domenichelli and Associates (D&A) for design services and the completion of bid documents for the project. Bid documents were prepared, but the project was placed on-hold due to lack of construction funding and did not advance to construction.

In 2019, staff re-started the project and considered several alignment alternatives. Staff utilized the Engineering Services On-Call List to request proposals for design services. One proposal was received from Dewberry Engineers Inc., formerly Drake Haglan and Associates, Inc. The City Council approved their Consulting Services Agreement on July 9, 2019. The consultant evaluated the feasibility of alternatives including an alignment which would relocate the sewer main out of the

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creek and route it through Main Street. Although these alternatives were considered to be feasible, significant right-of-way acquisitions would be needed for the alignment, and construction would cause major traffic impacts along Main Street, the Main Street alternatives were ultimately determined to be less desirable than the proposed alignment within the El Dorado Trail.

On May 24, 2022, the City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Dewberry | Drake Haglan in the amount of \$17,800 to complete environmental technical studies. The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was completed in August 2022 and the Cultural Resources Inventory and Archaeological Survey was completed in October 2022.

The outcome the technical studies resulted in environmental mitigation measures that would need to be implemented as a part of the project, thereby requiring a further level of environmental documentation in the form of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). It was also determined that an Aquatic Resources Delineation (ARD). Dewberry | Drake Haglan prepared a scope and fee for the additional services, and the Council approved Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement in the amount of \$89,448 on December 13, 2022.

**Discussion:** Ultimately the sewer alignment along the El Dorado Trail was determined to be the best possible option. The proposed alignment will provide a connection to a future CIP project phase that would potentially relocate the existing sewer in the creek between Locust Ave and Broadway to the trail creating a continuous  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile long trunk sewer from Bedford St. to Carson Road. In 2024, the Broadway Maintenance Project (CIP #42003) constructed the new sewer segment from Mosquito Road to Carson Road. Construction in the trail will minimize impacts to traffic on Main Street and the trail provides ideal access for Public Works to perform future maintenance. Also, no significant real estate acquisitions are necessary and private property impacts are minimal.

Consulting Services Agreement: With the shift of the sewer alignment along with work in Hangtown Creek, additional engineering services are required to augment the previously approved contract and amendments. The proposed Amendment No. 4 includes the scope of work needed to get through the final design and right-of-way phases of the project. At the conclusion of the tasks included with Amendment No. 4, the project will be ready to advertise for public bidding. Staff will return to the Council for bidding authorization and to request budget appropriations for construction once identified.

Environmental Document: The City, via its environmental consultant Dewberry Engineers, has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Placerville Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Project. The document was circulated for a 30-day public review period which began on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 and ended on Monday, December 23, 2024. At the conclusion of the public review period, the City received comments on the environmental document which are included and addressed in the Final IS/MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, which is posted on the project website. Hard copies are also available at the City's Engineering Department Counter located at City Hall. No comments were received that require altering the conclusions of the IS/MND, or that increase levels of impacts or that introduced new impacts. Adoption of the MND allows for approval of the Project, filing of a Notice of Determination, and for the next steps of the project delivery to advance.

**Options:**

1. Approve the project environmental document, Amendment No. 4 with Dewberry Engineers Inc., and the budget appropriation as recommended by staff to advance the project to the final design phase.
2. Provide other direction to staff.

**Environmental:** Based on the results of the IS/MND, the proposed project would not have any significant impacts on the environment once mitigation measures are implemented. This conclusion is supported by the following findings:

- The proposed project would not impact Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Energy, Mineral Resources, and Population and Housing.
- The proposed project would have a less-than-significant impact on Air Quality, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Public Services, Recreation Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.
- Once mitigation measures are implemented, the proposed project would have a less-than-significant impact on Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazardous and Hazardous Materials, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources.
- No substantial evidence exists that the proposed project would have a significant or adverse effect on the environment.

**Cost:** The cost of work being approved at this time is an amount not to exceed \$188,240 for Amendment #4 with Dewberry.

**Budget Impact:** The City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Capital Improvement Program Budget which appropriated \$120,000 for the Sewer Line Relocation – Clay Street to Locust Avenue project (CIP #41202). At its meeting held on July 9, 2019, the City Council approved an additional \$500,000 budget appropriation for a total project budget of \$620,000. At its meeting held on June 3, 2024, the Measures H/L Sales Tax Committee recommended a \$250,000 budget appropriation from the Measure L Fund for the project. Staff respectfully requests the City Council approve the Committee’s recommendation for a total project budget of \$870,000 as shown below:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Revised Project Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Project Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
El Dorado County Water Agency Grant	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
Sewer Enterprise Fund	60,000	60,000	-
Measure L Fund	500,000	750,000	250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 620,000</b>	<b>\$ 870,000</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>

To date, the project has encumbered the following costs:

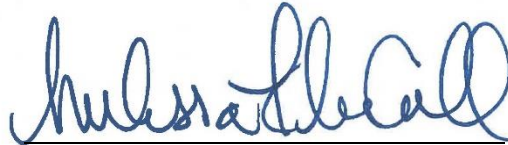
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Drake Haglan and Associates (Agreement)	\$ 186,335
Dewberry   Drake Haglan (Amendment No. 1 - time extension only)	-
Dewberry   Drake Haglan (Amendment No. 2)	17,800
Dewberry   Drake Haglan (Amendment No. 3)	89,448
Dewberry Engineers Inc. (Proposed Amendment No. 4)	188,240
Domenichelli and Associates, Inc. (Original Agreement)	89,365
Domenichelli and Associates, Inc. (Amendment No. 1)	14,230
360 Pipeline Inspections LLC	5,760
City Staff Time	40,536
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 631,714</b>

As you can see, the \$631,714 in total project encumbrances, including the proposed \$188,240 Amendment No. 4 with Dewberry Engineers, is within the proposed \$870,000 project budget.



M. Cleve Morris, City Manager



Melissa McConnell, City Engineer

Attachments:

A: Resolution

B: [Final IS/MND](#) and [Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program](#) (Electronically Provided)