



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Council Session

## Item G-16

**#2014-179 - Approving Agreement for Utility Relocation Services to be performed by CenturyLink for the Capital Avenue – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue Project**

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Scott Griepenstroh, Project Manager

**Meeting:** June 24, 2014

**Subject:** Approving Agreement for Utility Relocation Services to be performed by CenturyLink for the Capital Avenue – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue Project

**Item #'s:** G-16

**Presenter(s):** John Collins PE, Public Works Director

## Background

All agreements must be approved by the City Council.

The Capital Avenue – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue widening project will consist of removal of the existing 24' wide asphalt roadway and construction of new concrete pavement on Capital Avenue from Webb Road through Broadwell Avenue. The new roadway will consist of a five-lane, curbed, concrete pavement street. Other improvements include construction of sidewalks and a concrete hike/bike trail, updated street lighting, and construction of new storm sewer. A pedestrian signal will be constructed approximately 1000' east of Webb Road to provide for safe crossing for users of the hike/bike trail.

This project will be coordinated with the North Interceptor Sanitary Sewer project.

This project will receive federal funding through the Surface Transportation Program (STP), which has typically been applied on an 80/20 basis. However, due to changes brought about by the new federal highway bill, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), federal funding for this project has been capped. Reference is made to Resolution 2013-141 approved by City Council on May 14, 2013.

The improvements require that utilities owned by the City of Grand Island, Northwestern Energy and CenturyLink are relocated due to the roadway widening and the construction of the hike/bike trail.

## **Discussion**

During the project design process, Public Works staff and the design team from Olsson Associates met with officials from CenturyLink to review impacts the roadway improvement would have on their existing telecommunications facilities. Through these meetings, it was determined where aboveground structures are in conflict with the roadway improvements and where underground fiber optic cable needs to be lowered.

The estimated cost for the relocation work of CenturyLink's facilities is \$272,388.74. Since the facilities resided in a private easement formerly owned by CenturyLink on the north side of Capital Avenue, the relocation work is a project cost and eligible for federal aid. The Nebraska Department of Roads Local Projects Division developed the agreement for utility relocation services.

The Capital Improvements Program will fund the utility relocation costs, and the City will be reimbursed 80% of the actual costs.

Final design plans have been submitted by Olsson Associates to the Nebraska Department of Road for review. Acquisition of right-of-way and easements is on schedule to be completed in July, 2014. Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in 2015.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the agreement for Utility Relocation Services to be performed by CenturyLink for the Capital Avenue – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue Project.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the agreement.

RESOLUTION 2014-179

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expanding said funds in accordance with Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-Aid project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island and CenturyLink wish to enter into a Professional Utility Services Agreement to provide utility services for the Federal-Aid project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign the attached utility services agreement between the City of Grand Island, Nebraska and CenturyLink.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 24, 2014.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
June 20, 2014	☒ City Attorney