



August 13, 2026

BCC Agenda Item: _____

Board of County Commissioners
Acting as the governing body of Water Environment Services
Clackamas County

Approval of a Board Resolution exempting the Sandy River Lane Force Main Project from competitive bidding and instead authorizing selection by request for proposals. No fiscal impact. No County General Funds are involved.

Previous Board Action/Review: Presented at Issues – June 9, 2026

Performance Clackamas: 1. This project supports WES' strategic plan to upgrade WES' infrastructure to ensure the sustainable delivery of reliable, high-quality, and climate-resilient clean water services that support the growth and vitality of our communities, natural environment, and economy.

2. This project supports the County's Strategic Priorities of Strong Infrastructure, Vibrant Economy, and Safe, Secure and Livable Communities.

Counsel Review: Yes

Procurement Review: Yes

Contact Person: Jeff Stallard

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Sandy River Lane Force Main Replacement Project will address an exposed wastewater pipeline undercrossing beneath the Sandy River in the Hoodland service area. The pipeline was exposed due to channel migration during the December 2025 storm events. WES received approval for an emergency project this summer that will temporarily protect the pipeline through the winter and intends to construct a permanent fix during the summer of 2027.

The Project includes the replacement of the force main with a new longer crossing of the Sandy River utilizing a trenchless technology to minimize impacts to the adjacent river and surrounding area.

The estimated construction cost for this new crossing is \$1.5 million. The Project is currently not budgeted for in our existing Capital Improvement Plan but will be included in the upcoming revision. Staff are working to secure disaster aid funding for the Project, but that is not guaranteed. No County general funds will be used to fund the Project.

The Progressive Design Build (PDB) method is an alternative contracting method in which the owner hires the construction contractor and engineering team under one contract to complete the design and construction of the new force main. The benefits of the PDB method include mitigating risk and optimizing construction schedules and logistics.

PDB is the preferred project delivery method for the Project mainly due to the streamlined Project schedule that PDB can offer. The ongoing risk of having an exposed force main in the river channel is high and a break of this force main would release raw sewage into the Sandy River.

In summary, Staff believe that the unique nature of this Project and the desired compressed project schedule make it appropriate for an exemption from the standard bidding process and for approval to use the request for proposals (RFP) procurement process to retain the services of a PDB Contractor.

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WES is requesting approval from the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, for an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under ORS 279C.335.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, acting as the governing body of Water Environment Services, approve by board resolution of an Exemption from Competitive Bidding for the Sandy River Lane Force Main Project by means of a progressive design builder and authorizing selection by request for proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ronald E. Wierenga".

Ron Wierenga
Assistant Director, WES

Attachment: Board Resolution

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Acting as the Water Environment Services District Board of Directors

OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting a Resolution
Granting Exemption from Competitive
Bidding for the Sandy River Lane Force Main
Project by Means of a Progressive Design
Builder and Authorizing Selection by Request
for Proposals



Resolution No.

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Whereas, the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners acts as both the governing body and the local contract review board for Water Environment Services (“WES”), and in that capacity, has authority to exempt certain contracts from the competitive bidding requirements of ORS Chapter 279C; and

Whereas, ORS 279C.335 provides a process for exempting certain contracts from competitive bidding and authorizes the selection of a contractor through the request for proposal (“RFP”) process; and

Whereas, draft findings, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein (“Findings”), related to the Sandy River Lane Force Main project (“Sandy River Project”) addressing competition, operational, budget and financial data, public benefits, value engineering, specialized expertise required, market conditions, technical complexity, public safety and funding sources recommended by WES were available 14 days in advance of this Resolution being presented for approval in accordance with ORS 279C.335(5); and

Whereas, the Findings also highlight the public benefits of using the Progressive Design Build method of contracting for the Project;

Whereas, the Board has reviewed the Findings and is satisfied with the supporting information and materials that have been provided to justify the application of the exemption and the use of the RFP process in its place;

NOW THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners do hereby resolve:

1. The Board adopts the Findings, as set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution, and makes the following additional findings:
 - a. The exemption from competitive bidding will promote competition and will not encourage favoritism, because the contractor will be chosen by a competitive RFP process, and the major portion of the construction work may be performed by subcontractors chosen by competitive bidding.
 - b. The exemption from competitive bidding is likely to result in substantial cost savings and other substantial benefits to WES and to the public, for the reasons set forth in the adopted Findings.

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DATED this __13__ day of __August__, 2026

WATER ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Chair

Recording Secretary