



Update on Grant Funding Received by the City of Billings

May 2024

Cedar Park Subdivision Water Main Replacement



The City of Billings Public Works Department manages an annual water main replacement program aimed at replacing aging and/or troublesome water mains throughout the City. The Cedar Park Subdivision, located in south Billings, will have its water mains replaced this summer. The City was notified on April 23 that this project was approved for partial reimbursement by the Montana Department of Commerce.

More About This Project

The City was required to submit three projects, each of which would receive about \$470,000 in reimbursement funding if approved by the Montana Department of Commerce. The second project submitted for consideration encompassed the Cedar Park Subdivision in south Billings.

- The water main was installed in 1979, and has experienced 17 recorded breaks.
- The Cedar Park system does not have a redundant water source – so breaks can lead to water being shut off to the entire subdivision during repairs.
- The replacement piping will be 8-inch in some locations, and upsized to 12-inch in others as the existing main does not meet current fire flow requirements.
- The project will replace about 8,000 lineal feet of piping, valves, fire hydrants, connections to residential lines, and cathodic protection of all ductile fittings and bends.
- The City received notice on April 23 that the project had been approved for partial reimbursement (up to \$470,000) by the Montana Department of Commerce.
- The project is scheduled to begin later this spring. Total project cost is about \$4.8 million.

More About This Funding Source

- House Bill 355, passed by the Montana State Legislature in 2023, makes available to the City slightly more than \$1.4 million to help pay for critical infrastructure repair and maintenance projects.
- The Act is also known as the State-Local Infrastructure Partnership Act, or SLIPA.
- Two water main projects and one stormwater replacement project were selected for submission due to the size of the projects and the City's ability to provide at least 25% local match to the state funding.
- Communities were required to submit applications demonstrating that their projects and local share of costs met the requirements of HB 355.
- The Montana Department of Commerce is managing the SLIPA program.

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