



DATE: November 12, 2025
TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers
FROM: Lucy Liu, Utilities Director, 452-4445
SUBJECT: Report of Emergency Procurement for Public Works Contract – NE 24th Street Sinkhole

This report is being provided to the City Council pursuant to BCC 4.28.130.A.7, which requires that the City Council be notified of public works emergency procurements.

On or about October 14, 2025, a sanitary sewer lateral located near the intersection of NE 24th Street and Bellevue-Redmond Road collapsed, resulting in soil loss and the formation of a sinkhole beneath the roadway surface. Due to ongoing soil migration and the pipe failure, the roadway and adjacent sidewalk were determined to be at risk of structural collapse, posing a significant public safety hazard.

On October 30, 2025, pursuant to BCC 4.28.130.A.7, the City Manager issued an Emergency Declaration, authorizing the Utilities Department to proceed immediately with procurement and construction actions necessary to stabilize the site and repair the sewer main. A copy of the Emergency Declaration is available in the Council Document Library.

Because the sewer line's depth exceeded City crew safety limits, the Utilities Department retained a qualified excavation and sewer repair contractor. The emergency repair project included the excavation and replacement of the failed sewer lateral, installation of appropriate trench safety systems due to the depth of excavation, backfill and roadway restoration, and stabilization of any compromised sidewalk and roadway surfaces.

For the project, the Utilities Department retained Interwest Construction Inc. The amount paid to Interwest was \$384,598, inclusive of all taxes. The work was successfully completed, including roadway stabilization and restoration. The project was completed on October 30, 2025. A copy of the executed purchase order is available in the Council Document Library.

Attachments: (A) Vicinity Map; (B) Emergency Declaration.