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TO: Environmental Services Commission

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SUBJECT: Utilities Proposed 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan

ACTION REQUIRED

No action by the Commission is required. This is an informational briefing to review the proposed 2027-2032 Utilities Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and highlight changes from the current adopted CIP.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

Bellevue Utilities (Utilities) delivers capital projects to support the delivery of drinking water, storm and surface water, and wastewater utility services. Projects are developed and executed to replace or rehabilitate aging infrastructure, provide capacity for growth, protect the environment, and enhance customer service. Typical projects include replacement or rehabilitation of water, sewer, and storm and surface water pipes, drinking water and sewer pump stations, drinking water reservoirs, culvert replacements, stormwater management facilities (such as detention ponds, vaults, and water quality facilities), and stream restoration projects.

Utilities started the development of the proposed 2027-2032 Utilities CIP in September 2025. The development process has included the following elements:

- 1) Identification of new capital project needs for the water, sewer and storm and surface water systems using input from the Utilities Asset Management Program, Operations and Maintenance Division, Utilities System and Program Planning Studies, regulatory requirements, and input from customers and other interested parties
- 2) Performing planning level project development (scope, schedule and cost estimating for these new project proposals)
- 3) Status review of existing capital projects currently in progress
- 4) Performing project prioritization
- 5) Performing workload and staffing analysis
- 6) Assessing impacts on rates
- 7) Developing the 2027-2032 Proposed CIP Plan

This work has resulted in a proposed 2027-2032 CIP, which will be presented to the Environmental Services Commission at its April 2 meeting. Utilities included the 2027-2032 CIP Budget Packet (Attachment A) for review. This includes details about our proposed CIP Programs and key changes to the current adopted budget.

The presentation of Utilities proposed 2027-2032 CIP Budget at the April 2 meeting will be the first of four CIP discussions with the Commission. The table below outlines the Commission’s review timeline for Utilities CIP Plan.

April 2, 2026	Utilities Proposed 2027-2032 CIP Plan
May 7, 2026	Early Outlook Rates Forecast
June 4, 2026	Utilities 2027-2032 CIP Budget proposals and 2027-2028 Operating Budget proposals Summary on community input from public outreach open house events
June 18, 2026	2027-2032 Rates Forecast
July 2, 2026	ESC review of 2027-2028 City Manager’s recommended budget
September 3, 2026	ESC review of 2027-2028 preliminary budget and public hearing
September 17, 2026	ESC recommendation to City Council on 2027-2028 preliminary budget
October 1, 2026	Placeholder for additional work session for 2027-2028 preliminary budget
October 2026	ESC Chair presents recommendation to City Council

After the April 2 Commission meeting, staff will hold open house and other in-person events (location to be determined) to request input from the public on Utilities proposed 2027-2032 CIP Plan. Community input received from these events will be presented to the Commission on June 4.

Over the next several meetings, staff will present information on the proposed CIP Plan, respond to questions, receive input, and ultimately request the Commission’s concurrence with the proposed Utilities 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan.

POLICY ISSUES

There are no policy issues to be presented at this meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Utilities CIP Plan represents a significant investment of utility resources for the next six years. The proposed 2027-2032 Utilities CIP will be included in the development of the overall Utilities Department 2027-2028 budget and rates.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. 2027-2032 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan Budget Book