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TO: Environmental Services Commission

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SUBJECT: Utilities Proposed 2023-2029 CIP Online Open House Summary

ACTION REQUIRED

No action by the Commission is required at this time. This is an informational briefing to provide the public comments and responses from the proposed 2023-2029 Utilities CIP Online Open House.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

Bellevue Utilities (Utilities) delivers capital projects to support the delivery of drinking water, stormwater, 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 in our three piped utilities include replacement or rehabilitation of water, wastewater and stormwater pipes, water and wastewater pump stations, drinking water reservoirs, seismic mitigation projects, culvert replacement, stormwater management facilities (such as detention ponds, vaults, and water quality facilities), and stream restoration projects. Utilities presented a CIP budget overview in January and the proposed 2023-2029 Utilities CIP budget on March 3.

At the March 3 meeting, staff reported that the public input process would be a 2-week on-line open house, to receive comments from the public on the proposed investment between March 17 and March 31 on the City's newer public engagement platform Engaging Bellevue (<https://www.engagingbellevue.com/utilities-cip>). The promotion of the CIP Online Open House was distributed via a city news release, and social media (including Nextdoor, Facebook, and Twitter). The CIP Online Open house and associated links are available in the 7 primary translated languages (for Bellevue's community) to encourage community member participation and more inclusive access to important CIP information and the survey. The Online Open House results including the survey results and public comments will be presented at this meeting.

POLICY ISSUES

No policy issues to present.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Utilities Capital Investment Plan (CIP) represents a significant investment of utility resources for the next seven years. The proposed 2023-2029 Utilities CIP will be included in the development of the overall Utilities Department 2023-2024 budget and rates.