## Authorization of Increased Total Project Cost - Minor Capital Improvements 2024

Commission Meeting March 14, 2024

#### **Minor Capital Improvement Project**

- Reserved for minor capital improvement needs often arise.
- Larger than routine maintenance, but smaller than most projects.
- Improvements where prompt attention is important.
- For 2024, \$125,000 has been included in the Capital Budget

#### **Minor Capital Improvement Project-2024**

- West Loop hot water piping replacement project
  - Leaks and inability to repair them are driving the project.
  - Scope is larger than routine maintenance.
  - Deemed and emergency and immediate replacement is required.
  - Project cost is over \$125,000. Increase in total project cost is needed.

#### **Location Map**

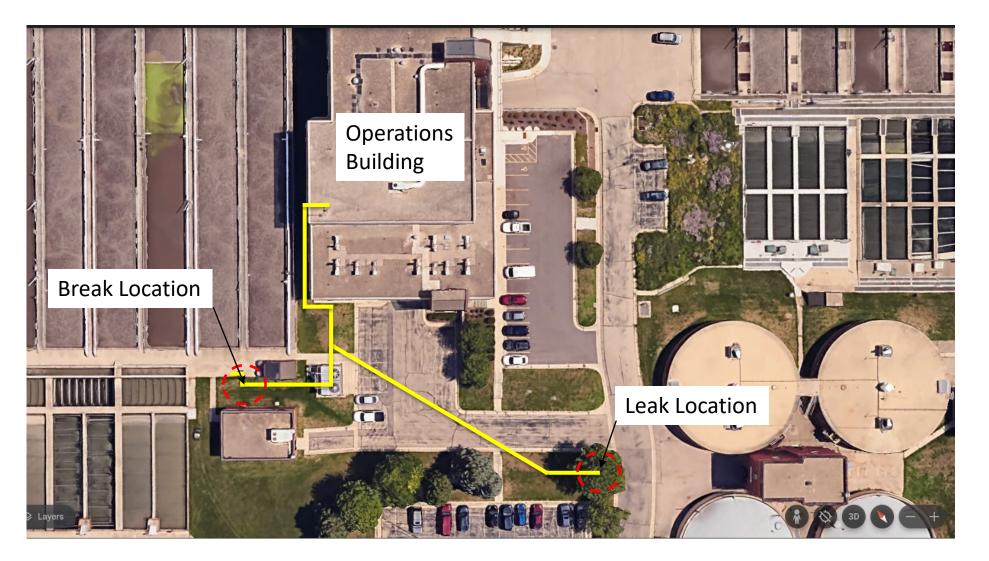




#### West Hot Water Loop Piping Issues

- Piping constructed of pre-insulated fiberglass
- Sections of pipe are 40+ years old
- History of leaks
- Requires specialized fittings and tools for installation and repair.
- Recent major break deemed unrepairable with normal methods.

### Pipe break and leak locations





#### Hot Water Line Break





#### **Project Importance and Urgency**

- Major pipeline break unrepairable
- Heating and cooling source for Operations Building
- Heat source for other process buildings
- Heat sink for the blower engine

#### **Project Scope**

- Remove existing fiberglass piping
- Install new carbon steel piping with thrust blocking
- Excavation and backfilling
- Removal and replacement of curb, sidewalk and floor.
- Removal and replacement of pavement
- Site restoration

#### **Project Cost**

- Construction Cost: \$144,250
- Change Order Allowance (15% of const.): \$21,750
- Revised construction cost: \$166,000
- Engineering (20% of total const.): \$33,200
- Total project cost: \$199,200

#### **Requested Action**

 The Commission is requested to approve Resolution 2024-03-14-RX, which increases the total project cost for the Minor Capital Improvements 2024 project from \$125,000 to \$200,000 and authorizes the use of emergency procedures to procure materials and execute the work.

# Thank you



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#### West Loop Piping Facts and Issues

- Piping constructed of pre-insulated fiberglass
- SCB 1 to Operations Building-Installed in 1970's
- Small leg to the West Aeration Gallery installed in 1980's
- Pipe becomes brittle over time
- Pipe not typically used for hot water
- Requires specialized fittings and tools for installation

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Expenditure	Amount Increase, \$	Amount Increase, %
Debt Service	\$712,000	1.61%
Contribution to Capital Projects Fund	\$571,000	1.29%
Personnel	\$261,632	0.59%
Energy	\$100,000	0.23%
Chemicals	\$100,000	0.23%
PFAS Testing	\$100,000	0.23%
Bacterial Disinfection Risk Assessment Study	\$100,000	0.23%
All other increases	\$58,368	0.13%
Total increase over 2020	\$2,003,000	4.53%

#### **Slide for lists**

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- Reduced spending on critical operational needs to minimize impacts on communities.
- Increases investments in capital at 3% per year
- Cash financing capital continues to increase; 15% in 2021, 30% in 2025.
- Uncontrollable expenditures (personnel, energy, supplies) continue to increase by 1% per year.
- With innovation and efficiencies, critical operational needs can be controlled to 3% per year.

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### **Slide option for lists**

#### September 24

Public hearing and Commission discussion

#### October 25

**Commission final direction** 

#### October 29

Commission adopts operating capital and debt service budgets and new rates

**November 1** Customers notified of new rates



# **Plain list option**

- Open lines of communication
- Seek opportunities for collaboration and coordination
- Think beyond capital improvements
- Don't assume no
- Mutual benefits for both
- Use local gov. knowledge