



MEMO

TO: Residents & Community Members

FROM: April Storms, City Manager

SUBJECT: WC Dam/Bridge Update - EGLE Dam Risk Reduction Grant Amendment and Funding Proposal

DATE: 11/26/2024

Dear Community Members,

This memo serves as an update on the recent request for an amendment to the Dam Risk Reduction Grant that we were awarded by EGLE. We submitted a grant amendment request, which outlines our plan for a short-term solution to address the bridge's current condition.

When I released an update on November 6, 2024, the initial cost of the recommended solution for the steel plates had doubled following additional research and further engineering analysis. It was determined that two steel plates would be needed at each placement, which significantly increased the overall cost to over \$20,000. As a result, we had to hold off on ordering the materials until we could bring the matter to the City Council for discussion on November 12, 2024. During that meeting, the increased cost was discussed, and it was decided that requesting a grant amendment with EGLE for the Dam Risk Reduction project may be in our best interest. This request aims to help reduce costs and support the development of a long-term plan for the dam's sustainability.

Additionally, we are preparing a proposal for Round 3 of the funding, which is currently open for letters of intent. I am in the process of drafting our letter of intent for this opportunity. The intent of this grant amendment is to secure funding for the purchase of steel plates as a temporary fix (for 3-5 years), while our plan for Round 3 of the funding would focus on replacing the bridge, offering a long-term solution and ensuring the sustainability of the dam.

In the past, after reviewing letters of intent, EGLE has selected communities for full grant proposals based on the risk reduction projects proposed. If we are selected, further details

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and a formal resolution for Round 3 funding will be presented to the City Council for approval.

Regarding this amendment request, we expect to receive a response from EGLE within the next few weeks. However, due to the upcoming holiday season, we do not have a specific date for when we will receive feedback or when we can proceed with purchasing the steel plates.

As part of our commitment to transparency and keeping the public informed, this memo will be shared with the community to provide an update on this grant amendment request.

If the grant amendment request is denied, we will bring the matter back to the City Council for further discussion and to determine the next steps for a short-term solution.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. We recognize that these delays may be an inconvenience, and we thank you for your continued support as we work to find the best solution for the dam and our community.

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