



Legislation Text

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Subject:

A resolution granting permanent and temporary easements to Denver Water for purposes of relocating a water line along the west side of Elati Street in city property

Presented By: Keith Reester, Public Works Director
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REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Does city council support granting easements to Denver Water so that a water line can be relocated onto city property on the west side of Elati Street along Lee Gulch?

BACKGROUND:

Denver Water proposes increasing the size of the water line in Elati Street at the bridge over Lee Gulch. Construction is planned for this summer. The water line is located between the steel pilings of the bridge. The steel pilings are the framework of the bridge foundation. Attempting to run a new larger water line in between the pilings in the current location is very difficult. Denver Water requests to relocate the line around the bridge on the west side underneath Lee Gulch via open trench construction. Lee Gulch water will be pumped around the work area. The west side was preferred by South Suburban Park and Recreation District (who manages the land for the city along the Lee Gulch Trail) because it would not have adverse impacts to trees, as opposed to the east side. The open trench construction would be restored to appropriate site conditions at the conclusion of the project.

PRIOR ACTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

None

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Information about the steel pilings for the existing Elati Street bridge is not known. The construction plans for this bridge have not been located but its age is estimated to be in the early 1960s. Rerouting the water line around the bridge is a viable and preferred option. There are no anticipated stream impacts to Lee Gulch as a result of the project. Temporarily, the creek water will be pumped around the work area. The contractor will be required to implement erosion and sediment control. Denver Water is obtaining all required federal, state, and city permits.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the easement and allow Denver Water to upgrade the water line.
2. Deny the easement, which would result in: 1) potentially diminishing water service by keeping the current water main in place, or 2) force Denver Water to consider increasing costs to project for bridge modifications.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None to the city. Denying the easement could impact costs to Denver Water and require them to reconsider the priority of this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that council approve these easements.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve the resolution which grants easements to Denver Water at Elati Street along Lee Gulch for the relocation of a water line.