

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	18-44		
Date action introduced:	June 12, 2018	Introduced by:	Peter Williams, City Manager
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Confirmed by:	KM		

Action Title: Direct Administration to pursue the development of a set number of utility crossings in strategic locations to facilitate installation of piped water and sewer to residents.

Attachment(s): (1) Letter from Aaron Hughes, Project Manager with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, supporting the City's selection of utility crossings that can be included in highway design; (2) Quote from Bethel Builders to construct a highway utility crossing; (3) Memorandum from DOWL to the City Manager concerning utility crossings; (4) Map of proposed utility crossings.

Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
Administration	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Approve</i>
Finance	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Public Works	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Recommend</i>
Amount of fiscal impact:	Account information:	
	No fiscal impact at this time.	
\$210,000 (3 x \$70,000)	Required funding in FY 2019 Budget; likely reimbursable through USDA-RD grant/loan	TBD
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Summary Statement

The City of Bethel has a short window of opportunity to decide at what locations it wants utility crossings under the Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway and Ridgecrest Drive. The City may develop an MOA between itself and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to formally establish the crossings in design and construction to be facilitated by DOT&PF.

There is a potential for reimbursement of the \$210,000 cost to develop three utility crossings on Ridgecrest Drive associated with the Avenues project. The reimbursement would come after the City completes all USDA-RD grant/loan paperwork and all associated requirements. The City was able to obtain approval from USDA-RD to purchase three sewer trucks in advance of completing all requirements for its current USDA-RD grant/loan that funded repair of the sewer lagoon jetty.

The Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report being prepared by DOWL will show the three utility crossings on Ridgecrest Drive as necessary for completion of the Avenues Project and the three utility crossings by Nicholson's Auto as "recommended for future use."

The utility crossings at Hoffman Subdivision (3), Bethel Trailer Park (3), BIA Road (1), and Airport (3) are recommended in the City's 2005 Water and Sewer Master Plan for future development.

Bethel City Council must identify and fund any utility crossings on the highway or Ridgecrest Drive prior to June 30, 2018, DOT&PF's deadline to the City. These crossings will be included in an MOA between the City and DOT&PF and part of the design for the repaving of the highway and Ridgecrest Drive.