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MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Finance Committee
From: Richard Raiche, Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management
Date: 3 February 2023
RE: Time only extension for Barletta SAUSI contract

File # 23-0119 – Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Barletta Heavy Division, for work on the Somerville Avenue Utilities and Streetscape Improvements project.

The Somerville Avenue Utilities and Streetscape Improvements (SAUSI), already one of the most complicated horizontal infrastructure project undertaken by the City in over a century, has encountered several delays. Unforeseen underground conflicts, hazardous-materials containing soils, Covid-19, and inadequate foundations for the McGrath Highway overpass have all impacted the project's schedule. With the underpinning of the McGrath Highway foundations complete, and continuous monitoring proving those improvements adequately address MassDOT's concerns, our drainage and sewer system improvements are entering their final stages.

The cumulative effect of the schedule impacts has extended the total duration of the City's contract with Barletta Heavy Division, the contractor responsible for the work, beyond three years. We now project to achieve substantial completion (i.e., when the bulk of the work is complete and the City gains beneficial use of the infrastructure) in June 2023, final completion (i.e., when punch list items are complete) in March 2024, and contract closeout (i.e., when final payments are processed) in June 2024. We therefore respectfully request that the Council approve a contract extension of 15 months to a new end date of 30 June 2024.

Please note that this item is for the time extension only so that we can continue to perform work and process monthly payments. We are actively negotiating the price impacts associated with the delays and additional work, and will bring a future request to the Council for project appropriation adjustment once those negotiations are complete.