

Linwood Flooding Update 1-24-23 RFQ

Dear Linwood Neighborhood Association,

I wanted to reach out to let you know that staff has prepared a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) with the goal of contracting with the most qualified engineer to develop and ultimately design projects to help mitigate flooding in the Linwood and West 7th area. It is anticipated that the RFQ will be publicized at the end of January and the work will begin in May.

This work is anticipated to include conceptual planning work to make sure that the solutions identified will mitigate the flooding in the Linwood and West 7th area without making flooding worse for others. Once the conceptual planning work is completed, the engineer will then begin design on a feasible phase of a flood mitigation project. The City defines a feasible project as one that is effective (solves the problem without making things worse elsewhere), affordable (fits within the program budget) and acceptable (to both the community and the City).

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions about where we are in the process of hiring an engineer for this high priority work.

Just to let you know about the process to get an engineer under contract I have provided a high-level view of the steps we take:

- Advertise RFQ for approximately 1 month
- Review and score submittals to select most qualified engineer (timeline varies depending on number of submittals)
- Negotiate the scope and fee with the engineer (timeline varies depending on complexity of scope and fee)
- Request approval from Mayor and Council at a City Council meeting
- Execute contract with the engineer and issue a notice to proceed

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