



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Clean Water, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITY OF SOUTH BEND

LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SRF Project DW 23 46 71 03

Date: October 29, 2026

Pursuant to IC 5-1.2-3, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the addendum to the City of South Bend Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion (CE) from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision-making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action. In the absence of significant comments, the attached CE shall serve as the final environmental document.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

State Revolving Fund
100 N. Senate Ave., IGCN 1275
Indianapolis, IN 46204
publiccomments@ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Lead Service Line Replacement
 City of South Bend
 227 West Jefferson Blvd
 Suite 1300 N
 South Bend, IN 46601

SRF Project Number: **DW 23 46 71 03**

Authorized Representative: Eric Horvath, Executive Director of Board of Public Works

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Saint Joseph County, Portage Civil Township, South Bend East 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 37N, Range 2E, and Section 13; R3E, Section 18. See **Figure 1**.

III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

To comply with the EPA Lead and Copper Rule Requirements and decrease potential impacts to drinking water from lead, lead service lines should be replaced. Lead service line replacements from the water main to the premise plumbing will increase the safety of drinking water and comply with the EPA Lead and Copper Rule replacement regulations. The City of South Bend intends to replace lead service lines throughout the city. Additional project areas may be added to this project.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$387,000. The City intends to finance the project with funds from an existing loan from the Drinking Water SRF Loan Program.

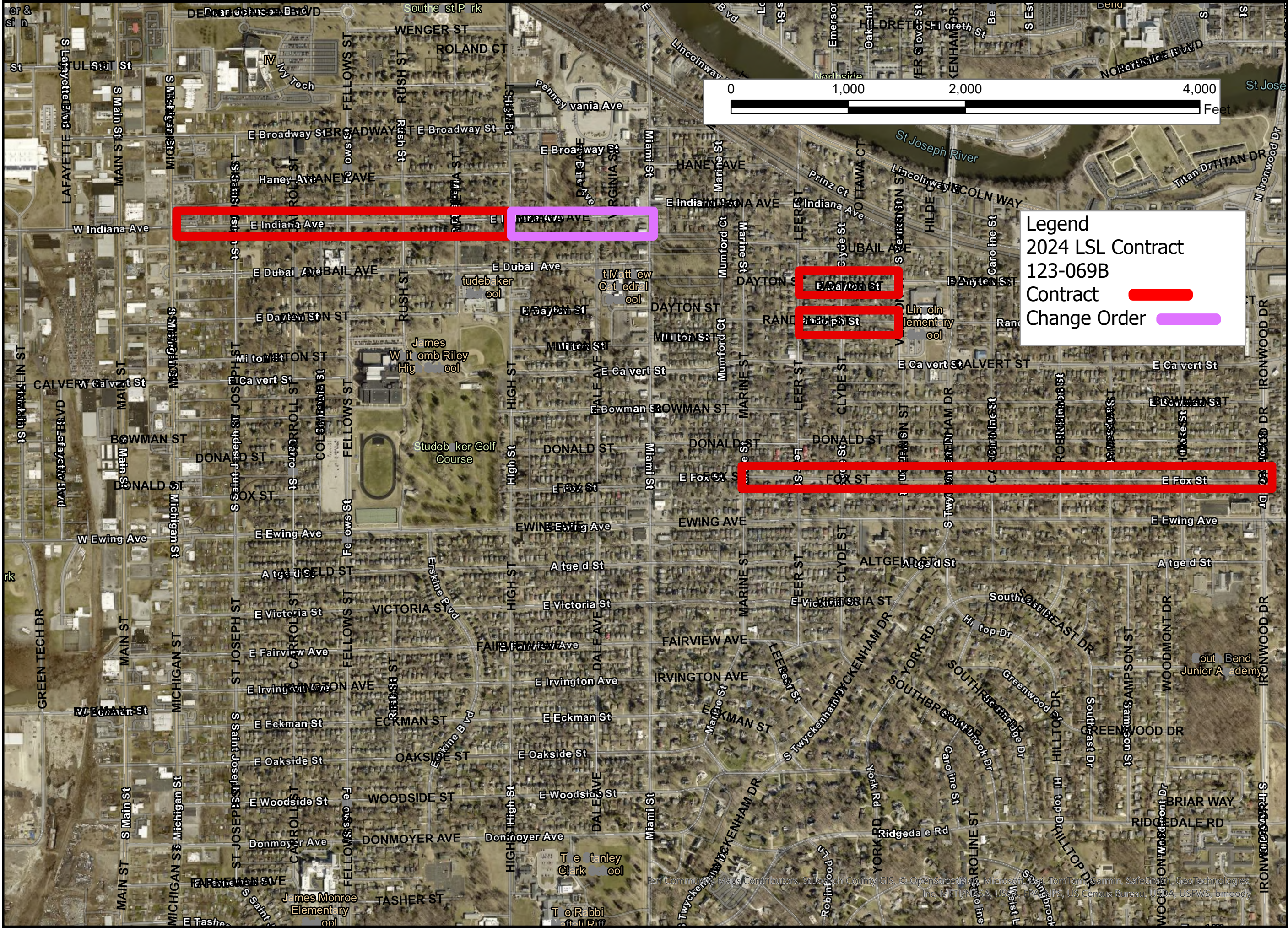
V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed by the installation of the existing service lines and appurtenances. The proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public notice was published on August 3, 2026, in the South Bend Tribune. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.



City of South Bend

Figure 1 2024 Lead Service Line
123-069B Contract Change Order

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