



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 15, 2025

**To:** Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway  
Board of Public Works  
Water Utility Board  
Plan Commission  
Common Council

**From:** Adam Wiederhoeft, Design & Construction Engineer  
Pete Holmgren, Chief Engineer  
Krishna Kumar, General Manager

**Subject:** Adopt a Relocation Order for the Pressure Zone 4 Interstate Crossing Project

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Water Board authorize the adoption of a Relocation Order to facilitate the acquisition of land necessary for the construction and maintenance of a public water transmission pipeline crossing Interstate 39/90. Additionally, staff recommend authorizing the Water Utility General Manager to enter into construction-related agreements with existing pipeline companies within the project area, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

## BACKGROUND

The City of Madison and Dane County are working together to build a water transmission pipeline from Savannah Road to Secret Garden Drive, crossing Interstate 39/90. This pipeline is needed to support increased fire flow demand due to new development along County Highway AB. This pipeline will ensure adequate water pressure, flow rates, and quality for current and future development in Pressure Zone 4. The city passed a series of resolutions in 2024 to approve the project, share costs with Dane County, authorize bids, and secure funding.

A Relocation Order Map has been created to show which land needs to be acquired for the pipeline. The City will acquire the necessary land, either through negotiation or condemnation, as authorized under Wisconsin law. The Office of Real Estate Services and City Attorney will handle all legal and administrative aspects of acquiring the land. The Mayor and City Clerk are

authorized to sign the required documents. The Water Utility General Manager is authorized to oversee construction agreements and other final actions.

## **FISCAL NOTE**

This relocation order and process comes at an estimated cost of \$65,000. These costs and the associated funding are part of a cost sharing agreement with Dane County; MWU has available budget authority in MUNIS project number 15165.

## **LEGISLATIVE PATH**

7/15/2025	Common Council (Introduction)
7/16/2025	Board of Public Works
7/22/2025	Water Utility Board
7/28/2025	Plan Commission
8/5/2025	Common Council (Final Action)

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Memo (this document)
2. Pressure Zone Relocation Order Sheet 1
3. Pressure Zone Relocation Order Sheet 2
4. Vicinity Map