

County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report August 20, 2025

Agenda No.: 4.b.

Indexes (Council Goals): Quality Excellence - Effective, Efficient, and Reliable Services, DPU FY26 - 1.0 Provide

Safe and Reliable Utility Services

Presenters: James Alarid Legislative File: 20530-25

Title

Award Utilities Portion of IFB26-18 - Denver Steels Phase II Improvements Project to TLC Plumbing and Utility, in the amount of \$1,760,773.00 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, and Approval of Budget Revision 2026-06

Recommended Action

I move that the Board of Public Utilities recommend the award of the Utilities portion of IFB26-18 for the Denver Steels Phase II Improvements Project to TLC Plumbing and Utility, in the amount of \$1,760,773.00 and a contingency in the amount of \$176,077.00 for a total project amount of \$1,936,850.00, plus NMGRT, and forward to Council for approval. I further move that the Board recommend Budget Revision 2026-06, forward to Council for approval, and include a copy in the minutes for the record.

Utilities Manager's Recommendation

The Utilities Manager recommends that the Board approve the motion as presented and forward it to the Council for approval.

Body

On July 17th, 2025, the Denver Steels Phase II Project was advertised for bids. Bids were received on August 7th, 2025, and one responsive bid was received from TLC Plumbing and Utility.

The Denver Steels Phase II project is a joint roadway and utility upgrade project with the Public Works Department. The roadway improvements include the construction of new sidewalks, ADA ramps, curb and gutter, storm drain upgrades, and a new asphalt surface. The specific areas undergoing work are 36th Street between Orange Street and Ridgeway Drive, Pueblo Drive between 36th Street and 35th Street, Questa Drive between 36th Street and 35th Street, and Ridgeway Drive between 36th Street and 35th Street. Additionally, there is a bid alternative for broadband, which involves installing broadband conduits and vaults along 36th, Pueblo Drive, Questa Drive, and Ridgeway Drive.

For the utilities portion, the project entails replacing an existing 6-inch cast-iron water main, which has reached the end of its service life, with approximately 4,000 linear feet of new 8-inch C-900 PVC pipe. As part of this installation, existing water meters will be removed and relocated to new locations -either behind the curb and gutter or within the sidewalk. The project will include the installation of 83 new water meters with 36-inch meter cans, six new fire hydrants, and a new 1-inch PEX service line.

Alternatives

If the Board decides not to award the Denver Steels Phase II Improvements Project, staff will coordinate with the Public Works Department to re-bid or defer the project.

Fiscal and Staff Impact/Planned Item

\$1,500,000 is budgeted in FY 2026 for the waterline replacement. The total project budget, including 10% contingency and NMGRT, will be \$2,073,640.00. DPU staff are seeking approval of Budget Revision 2026-06 in the amount of \$573,640.00 to cover the bid cost overrun above this year's

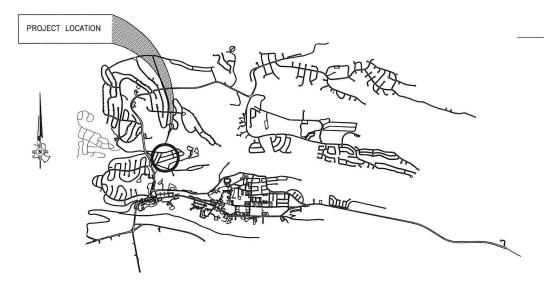
budgeted amount. One of the causes of this overrun was Phase I added 600 feet of additional road to reconstruct in this Phase II and this will be deducted from next year's Phase III project. Also, the bid price for this work was elevated from DPU's estimate at \$1.5 Million. The project is funded by Drinking Water State Revolving Loan DW-6651 which has been secured to fund Phase II and Phase III of the Denver Steels waterline replacement in the amount of \$2,727,000. Once Phase III design is completed, staff will update the construction estimate and make a request to increase the loan amount at that time.

Attachments

- A Denver Steels Utility Construction Plans
- B Budget Revision 2026-06

Attachment A

IFB 26-18 DENVER STEELS PHASE II UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LOS ALAMOS COUNTY



LOS ALAMOS VICINITY MAP

NOT TO SCALE

SHEET INDEX

8-1	VICINITY MAP AND SHEET INDEX

8-2 CONSTRUCTION NOTES

8-3 WATER PLAN 36TH ST.

WATER PLAN 36TH ST.

8-5 WATER PLAN 36TH ST.

WATER PLAN 36TH ST. & RIDGEWAY DR. 8-6

WATER PLAN RIDGEWAY DR. 8-7

8-9

WATER PLAN 35TH ST. & PUEBLO DR.

8-12 WATER PLAN PUEBLO DR. & 36TH ST.

WATER PLAN 37TH ST.-36TH ST. & QUESTA DR.

8-14

DETAIL SHEET 8-16

8-17 STANDARD DETAILS

WATER PLAN RIDGEWAY DR. & 35TH ST.

WATER PLAN 35TH ST. & QUESTA DR.

8-11 WATER PLAN PUEBLO DR.

WATER PLAN QUESTA DR.

WATER PLAN QUESTA DR. & 35TH ST.

STANDARD DETAILS CONTINUED

26-18 DENVER STEELS PHASE II PROJECT

IFB

SHEET 8-1

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES PROJECT ENGINEER APPROVED BY:

PROJECT MANAGER



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION NOTES

GENERA

- 1. DEPTH OF TRENCH MAY BE DEEPER ALONG CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF PIPELINE TO CLEAR EXISTING UTILITIES AND TO AVOID THE CREATION OF HIGH POINTS ALONG THE ALIGNMENT. NO ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WILL BE MADE FOR INSTALLING PIPE DEEPER THAN MAINING BEAUTIEST DEEPLY.
- ALL WATER, WASTEWATER, GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITY INSTALLATIONS, RE-CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR SHALL COMPLY WITH LOS
 ALAMOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (DPU) CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND THE RELEVANT STANDARD
 DRAWINGS. THE CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS CAN BE FOUND AT:

https://losalamosnm.egnyte.com/app/index.do#storage/files/1/Private/dpu.engineering/DPU%20Construction%20Standards

- SUBMITTALS FOR ALL GAS, WATER, SEWER, ELECTRIC AND COUNTY OWNED COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL PER THE DPU STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS. SUMBMITTALS SHALL INCLUDE THE COVER SHEFT IN THE DPU CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.
- 4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL RETAIN THE SERVICES OF A NEW MEXICO LICENSED PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR (NMPS), FOR CONSTRUCTION STAKING, AS WELL AS VERIFICATION OF ALL CRITICAL HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL CONTROL DATA SHOWN ON THESE CONTRACT DRAWINGS. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE COORDINATE INFORMATION FOR ALL NEW SAS MANHOLES, WATER AND GAS VALVES, ALL BASED ON STATE PLANE COORDINATES.
- 5. FOR ANY WORK INVOLVING NEW WATER, GAS OR SEWER PIPELINE CONNECTING TO AN EXISTING PIPELINE, CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN A PENETRATION PERMIT FROM THE COUNTY, AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF ANY SUCH WORK. THE PERMIT APPLICATION FORM FOR THIS PERMIT CAN BE FOUND AT:

https://www.losalamosnm.us/Search-Results?dlv OC%20CL%20Public%20Site%20Search=(keyword=penetration%20permit)

- CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR POTHOLING, TO DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION OF EXISITING UTILITIES, PRIOR TO
 PERFORMING ANY EXCAVATION WORK.
- 7. PRIOR TO CONNECTING NEW WATER LINES INTO THE EXISTING SYSTEMS THE LOCATE WIRE SHALL BE TESTED AS FOLLOWS. CONTRACTOR WILL ENSURE THAT ALL LOCATE WIRE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND MADE ACCESSIBLE IN ALL REQUIRED LOCATIONS. CONTRACTOR WILL VERIFY CONTINUITY IN THE LOCATE WIRE WITH THEIR OWN LOCATE EQUIPMENT. THE LOCATION WILL BE PAINTED WITH WHITE PAINT AND DPU STAFF WILL THEN VERIFY THE LOCATION AND CONTINUITY OF THE LOCATE WIRE WITH THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT. ANY AREAS WHERE CONTINUITY IS LOST MUST BE REPAIRED AND RE-VERIFIED BY DPU STAFF TO BE LOCATEABLE. CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE THE LOCATE WIRE VERIFICATION WITH DPU PROJECT MANAGER.
- 8. INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY STATED IN THE CONTRACT DRAWINGS, OR WHEN THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIES IN THE FIELD, CRITICAL DATA (X, Y, AND Z) RELATED TO WATER VALVES OF ALL KINDS, WATER METERS, FIRE HYDRANTS, CULVERT INLET OR OUTLET INVERTS, WASTEWATER COLLECTION MANHOLE INVERTS AND RIMS, CUSTOMER END OF WASTEWATER SERVICE CONNECTION PIPES/CLEANOUT, SHALL BE COLLECTED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S SURVEYOR FOR THE RECORD DRAWINGS TO BE COMPLETE.
- 9. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF SURVEY MONUMENTS OR MARKS. IF CONTRACTOR'S ACTIVITIES CAUSED DAMAGE TO ANY OF THESE MARKS, CONTRACTOR SHALL RETAIN, AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, THE SERVICES OF A NMLPS, TO RE-ESTABLISH THE MARKS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES SET FORTH BY THE "GEODETIC MARK PRESERVATION GUIDEBOOK".
- 10. CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, RELATED TO STORM WATERS. CONTRACTOR SHALL PREPARE, EXECUTE AND MAINTAIN A STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP), IF THE AREA DISTURBED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS IS ONE ACRE OR MORE IN SIZE. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CLEAN WATER ACT COMPLIANCE, ICLUDING BMP'S. SHALL BE INCIDENTAL TO THE PROJECT'S COST.
- 11. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF REPAIRING ANY DAMAGE OR ALTERATIONS CAUSED DURING EXECUTION OF THIS PROJECT, TO THE ORIGINAL CONDITION OF THISD PARTY'S PROPERTY (E.G. STRUCTURES, EXISTING UTILITIES OR LITHILITY EASEMENTS). LOCATED WITHIN OR OLIT OF THE PROJECT BOILINDARIES.
- 12. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PROJECT-RELATED MATERIALS OR EQUIPMENT, BEFORE INSTALLATION, UNTIL FINAL WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE PPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BY THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER AND THE COUNTY.
- 13. ALL MATERIAL QUALITY TESTS SHALL BE PERFORMED BY A RECOGNIZED LABORATORY. SUCH A LABORATORY SHALL BE OPERATED UNDER THE AUSPICES/DIRECTION OF AN NMPE. NAME AND CONTACT OF THE LABORATORY SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE CONTACTOR TO THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER AS SOON AS PRACTICAL AFTER THE CONTRACTOR'S RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE TO PROCFED.
- 14. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ANY NECESSARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LOS ALAMOS COUNTY TRAFFIC MANAGER. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MOST CURRENT EDITION OF THE MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCO), BUT MAY BE REVISED UNDER WRITTEN.

- DIRECTION FROM THE COUNTY TRAFFIC ENGINEER.
- 15. CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER, AT LEAST FIVE (5) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY WORK THAT MAY AFFECT THE OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY SYSTEMS (WATER, WASTEWATER, GAS AND ELECTRIC).
- 16. ALL STRUCTURAL OR UTILITY TRENCH FILL OR BACKFILL SHALL BE FREE OF VEGETATION AND DEBRIS AND CONTAIN NO ROCKS
 LARGER THAN 3-INCHES
- 17. ALL AREAS DISTURBED BY THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES OF THIS PROJECT, INCLUDING PRIVATE LANDSCAPING, SHALL BE

WATER PIPELINES

- THE PIPELINE SHALL BE SUPPLIED AND INSTALLED IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
 CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS. CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER IMMEDIATELY UPON ENCOUNTERING FILED
 CONDITIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEVIATIONS FROM THESE STANDARDS.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL PIPELINE SO THAT HIGH POINTS ARE NOT CREATED, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY SHOWN ON APPROVED CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS. THE PIPE SHALL BE PLACED WITH A UNIFORM GRADE, NO VERTICAL BENDS ARE ALLOWED.
- 3. MINIMUM BURY SHALL BE 48 INCHES FOR MAINS AND 36 INCHES FOR SERVICE LINES, AT ALL POINTS ALONG THE ALIGNMENT.
- 4. ALL FIRE HYDRANTS SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH A MINIMUM 4-FOOT HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE ALL AROUND THEM.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISINFECTION, CHLORINATION, CHLORINE RESIDUAL TESTING, AND HYDROSTATIC (PRESSURE) TESTING OF ALL WATER PIPES INSTALLED. PRESSURE TEST SHALL BE DOCUMENTED ON FORM INCLUDED IN STANDARD SPECIFICATION. DPU PROJECT MANAGER SHALL WITNESS ALL SUCH TESTING.

SANITARY SEWER PIPELINES

- PARALLEL PUBLIC WATER AND SANITARY SEWER LINES SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE (SEPARATION BETWEEN
 THEM) OF 10 FEET, PLUS A VERTICAL CLEARANCE OF 1 FEET, WHEREVER WATER AND SAS LINES CROSS. WATER LINES SHALL ALWAYS
 BE ABOVE THE SAS LINE, UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY OWNER, IN RESPONSE TO PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN. SPECIFIC
 REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH A NON-STANDARD INSTALLATION SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER.
- 2. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PERFORMING OR COORDINATING PRESSURE TEST OF ALL GRAVITY-FLOW SEWER LINES. AS WELL AS THEIR TELEVISION INSPECTION, PRIOR TO INSTALLING ANY PAVEMENT OR ASPHALT ABOVE THE SEWER LINE.
- 3. ALL GRAVITY SEWER LINE SEGMENTS BETWEEN MANHOLES, INCLUDING ANY SAS SERVICE LINES WITHIN THE SEWER UTILITY CORRIDOR, SHALL BE FLUSHED, TELEVISED AND PRESSURE-TESTED BY THE CONTRACTOR BEFORE THEIR INSTALLATION CAN BE DEEMED COMPLETE BY THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER.
- 4. CONTRACTOR SHALL REVIEW INSPECTION TAPES IN DETAIL, TO IDENTIFY ANY DEFICIENCES AND CORRECT THEM AS NECESSARY, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING TAPES TO OWNER. ALL VIDEO TAPES SHALL BE FILMED AND ASSEMBLED IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER AND BE PROPERLY LABELED. LINES AND MANHOLES SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE NAMES AND STATIONING GIVEN IN THE APPROVED CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS. VIDEO TAPES SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO OWNER ACCEPTANCE OF THE SEWER INSTALLATION.
- SANITARY SEWER MAINS SHALL BE PVC SDR 35, INSTALLED ON CLASS BEDDING OR BETTER, PER THE TRENCH DEATIAL IN DPU CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS. ALL SEWER MAINS SHALL HAVE 8-INCH MINIMUM DIAMETER.
- PRESSURE TESTING OF GRAVITY SAS SHALL BE PERFORMED BY PRESSURIZING THE LINES TO 5 PSI, AND VERIFYING NO PRESSURE LOSS OCCURS UPON HOLDING THE PRESSURE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HOUR. PRESSURE TEST SHALL BE DOCUMENTED ON FORM INCLUDED IN STANDARD SPECIFICATION.
- SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS ON NEW SEWER MAINS SHALL BE MADE OF SDR-35 GASKETED WYES. MECHANICALLY-STRAPPED SADDLE-TYPE TEES CAN BE USED ONLY WHEN APPROVED BY DPU PROJECT MANAGER.
- IF OVER-EXCAVATION OCCURS DURING THE COURSE OF THE WORK, CONTRACTOR SHALL REMEDY AND REPAIR, AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE. BY INSTALLING AND COMPACTING CLASSIFIED FILL IN COMPLIANCE WITH CLASS-D BEDDING OR BETTER.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN ONE SET OF BACKFILL DENSITY TESTS PER STANDARD SPECIFICATION 202 EXCAVATION, TRENCHING AND BACKFILL SECTION 3.6.
- 10. CONTRACTOR SHALL ARRANGE FOR TEST RESULTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE LABORATORY DIRECTLY TO THE DPU PROJECT MANAGER.





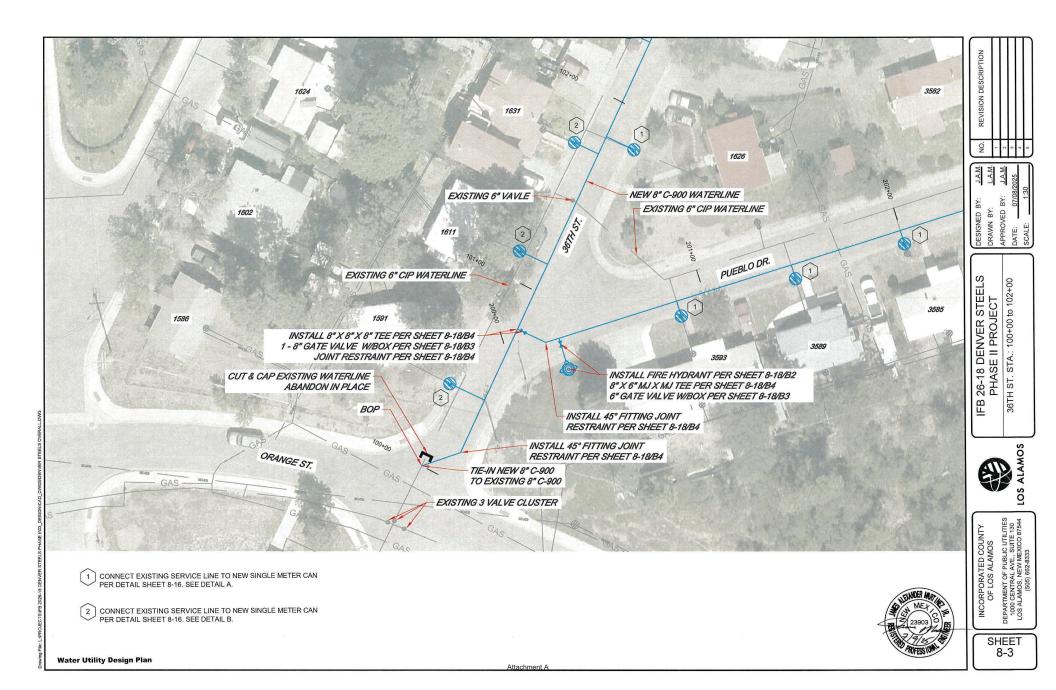
DRAWN BY:
APPROVED BY:
DATE: 07/08/20

IFB 26-18 DENVER STEE PHASE II PROJECT

S

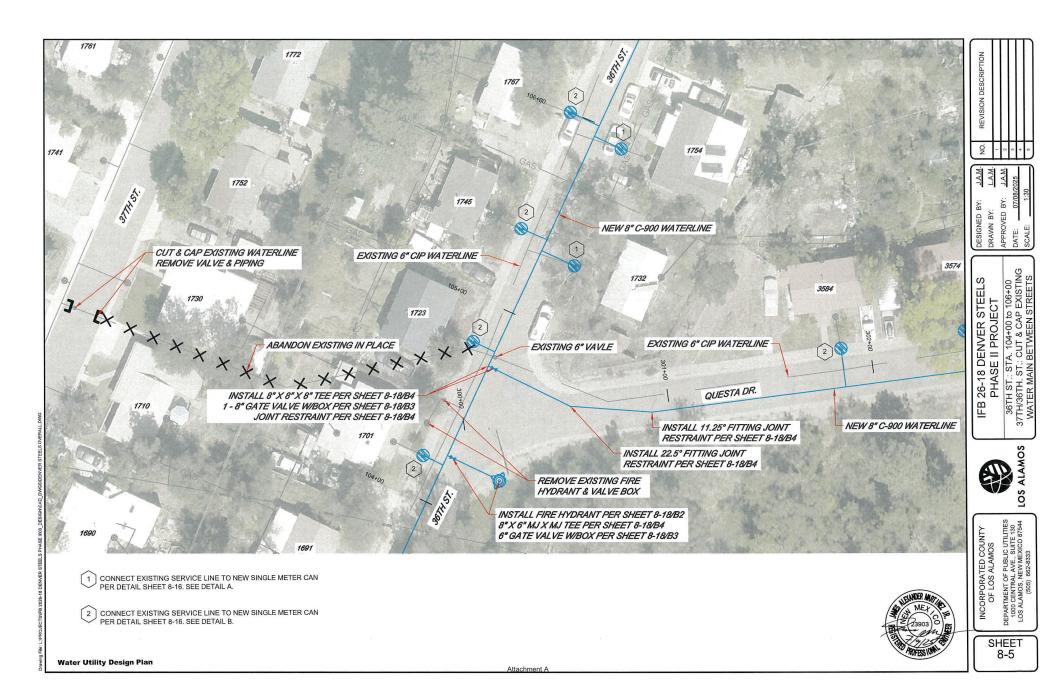


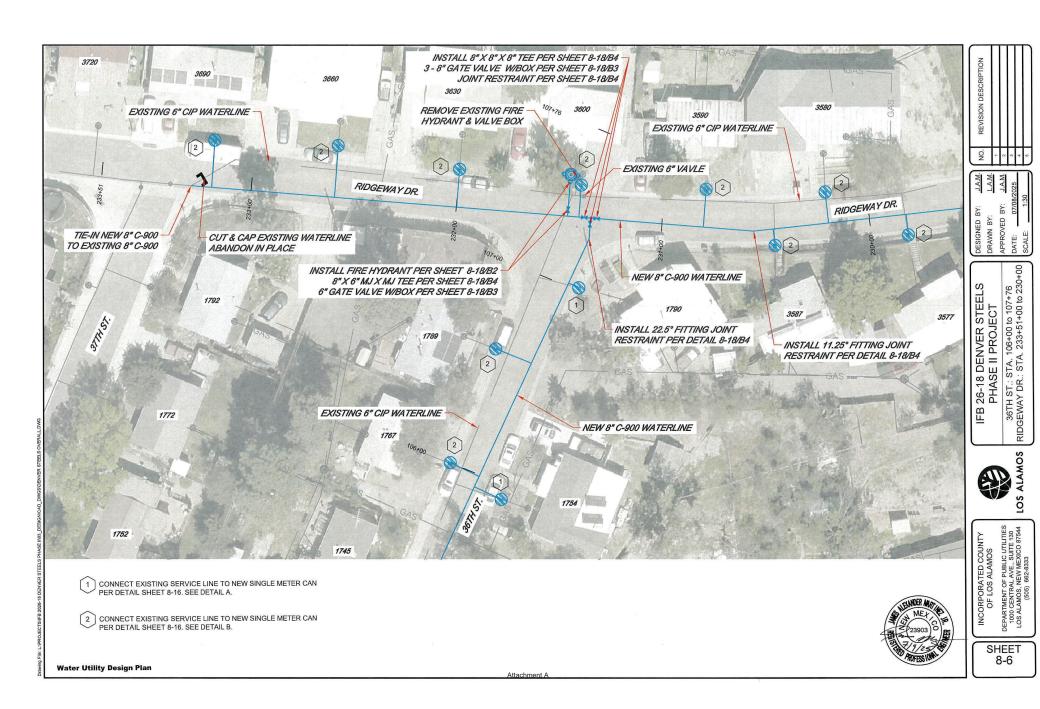
NCORPORATED COUNTY
OF LOS ALAMOS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
UTILITIES
1000 CENTRAL AVE., SUITE 13
DS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO 875
DS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO 875

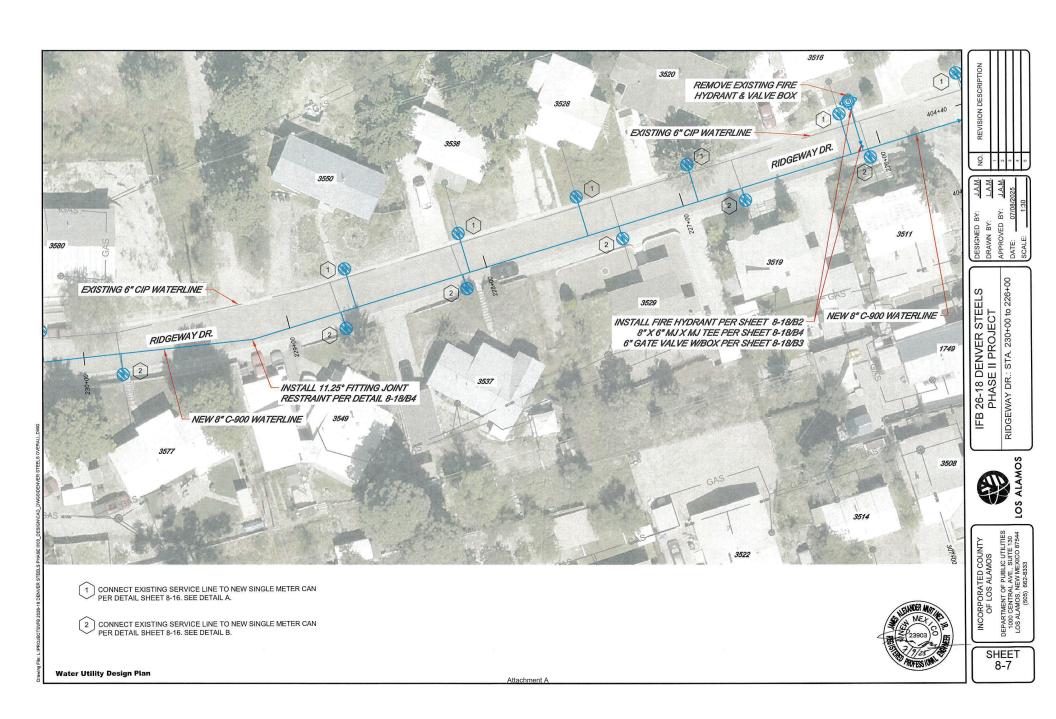


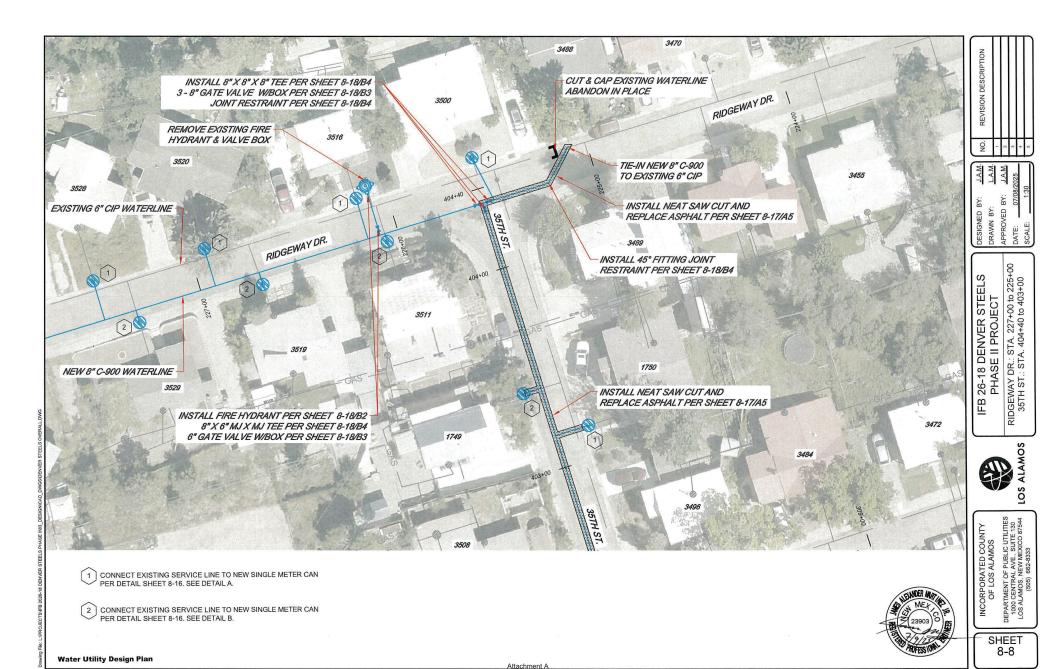


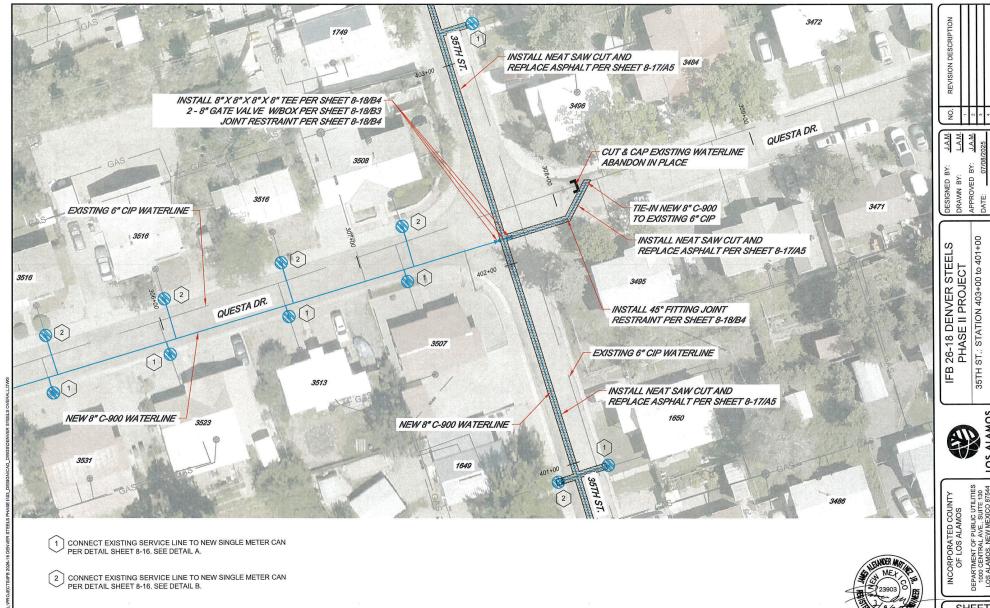
IFB 26-18 DENVER STEELS PHASE II PROJECT 36TH ST. STA.: 102+00 to 104+00

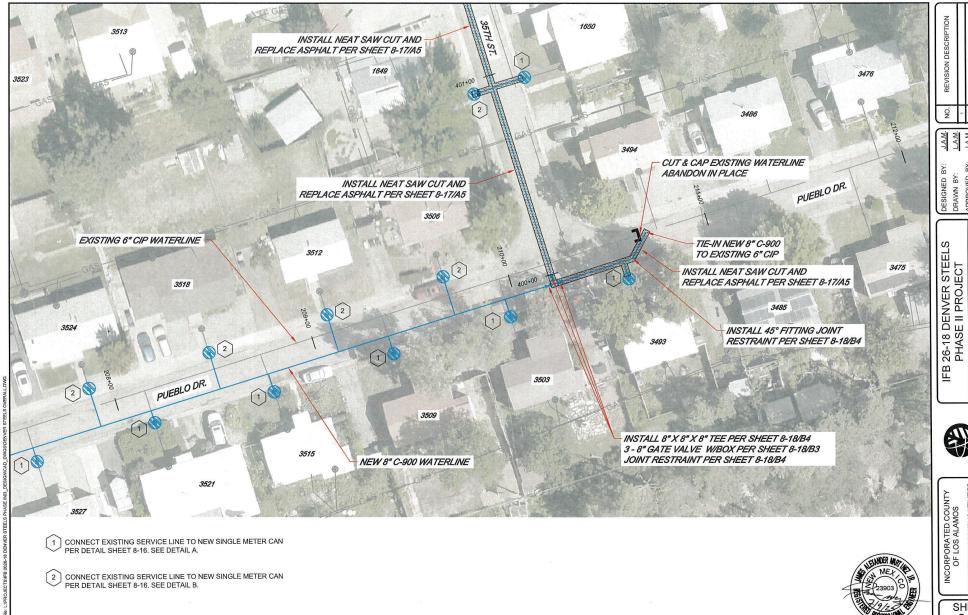






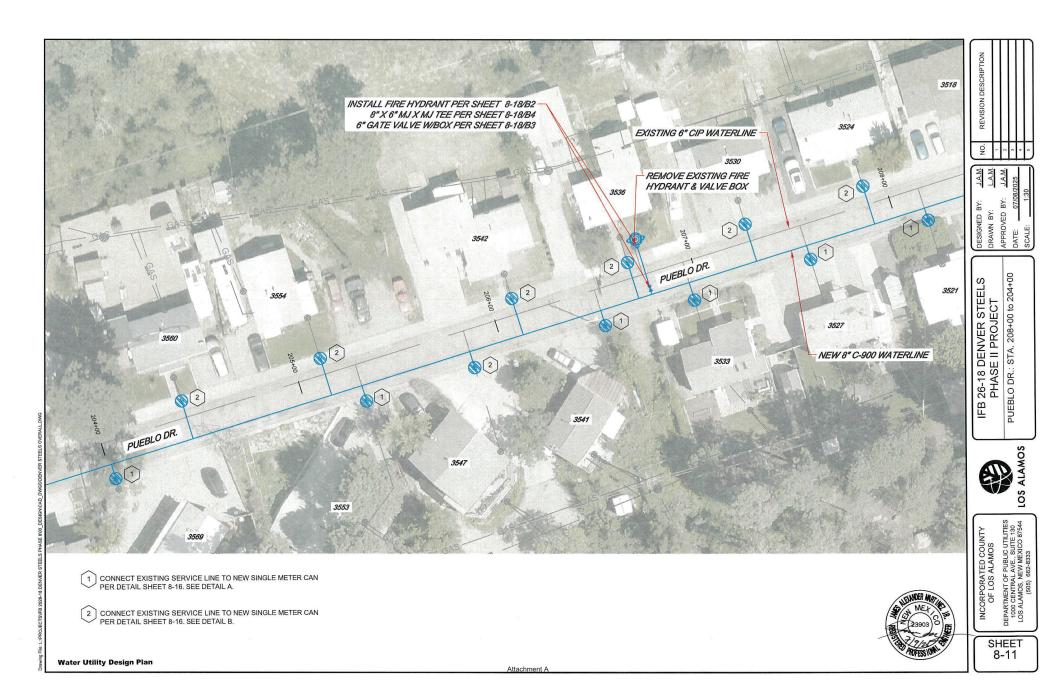


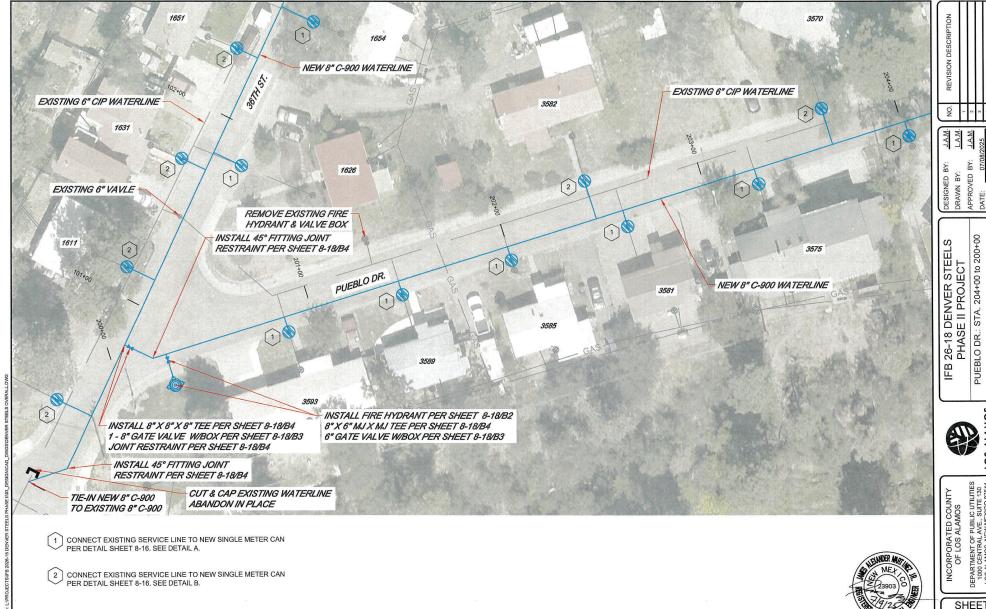


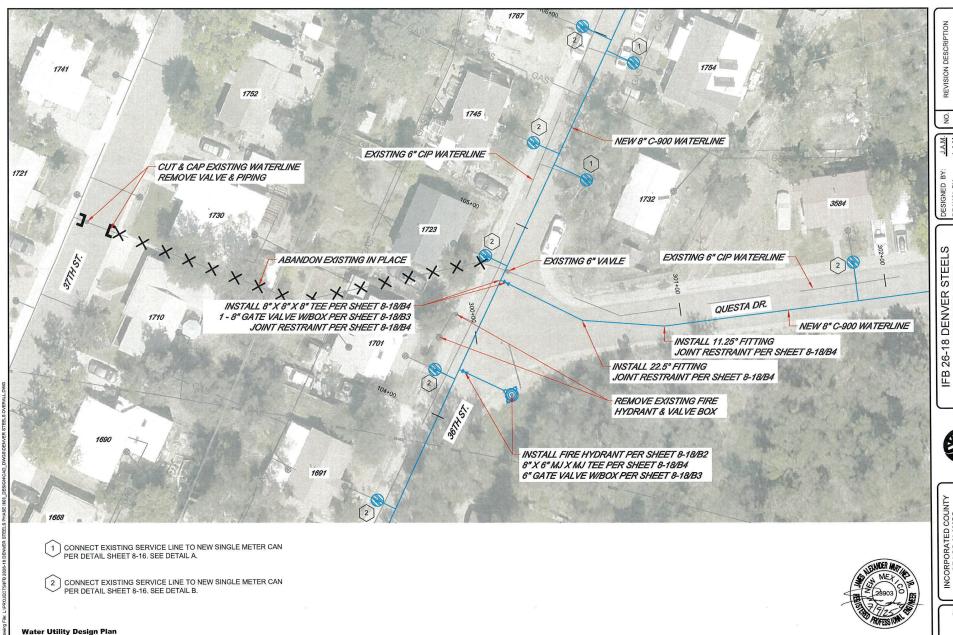


APPROVED

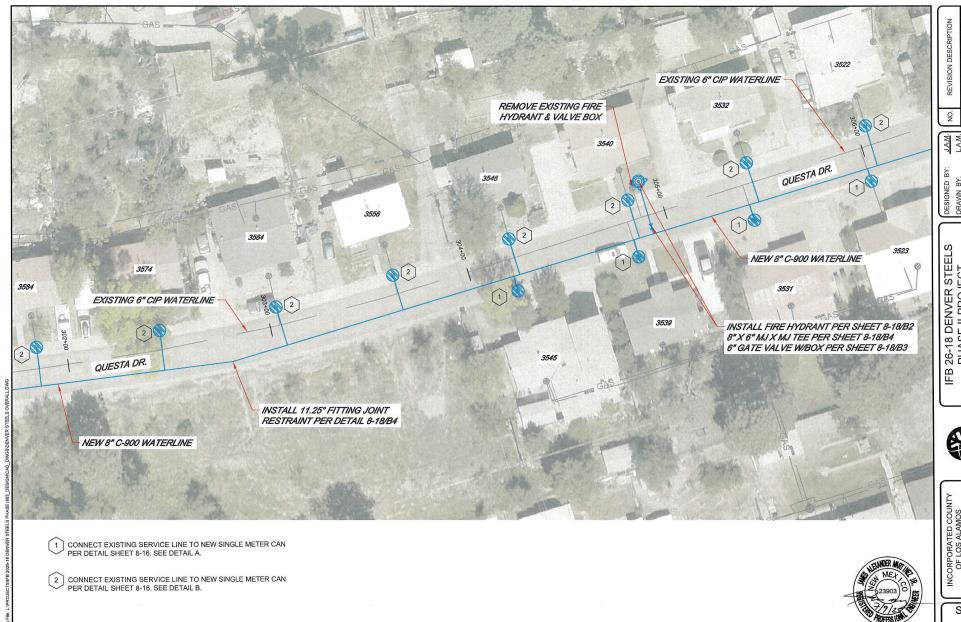
35TH ST.: STA. 401+00 to 400+00 PUEBLO DR.: STA. 211+00 - 208+00



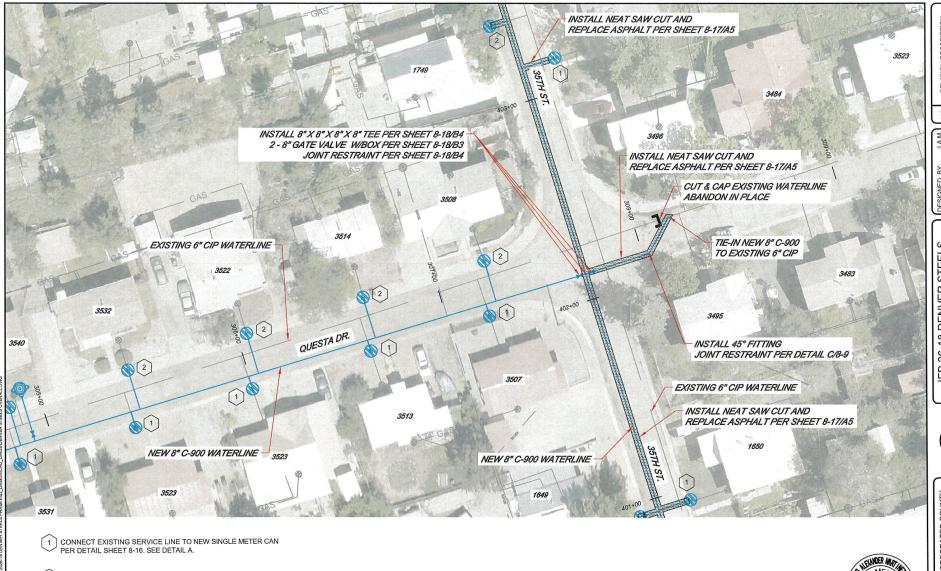




26-18 DENVER STEELS PHASE II PROJECT



QUESTA DR.: STA. 302+00 to 306+00 IFB 26-18 DENVER STEELS PHASE II PROJECT



2 CONNECT EXISTING SERVICE LINE TO NEW SINGLE METER CAN PER DETAIL SHEET 8-16. SEE DETAIL B.

ELINOER MATTER

STATE OF THE ST

Water Utility Design Plan

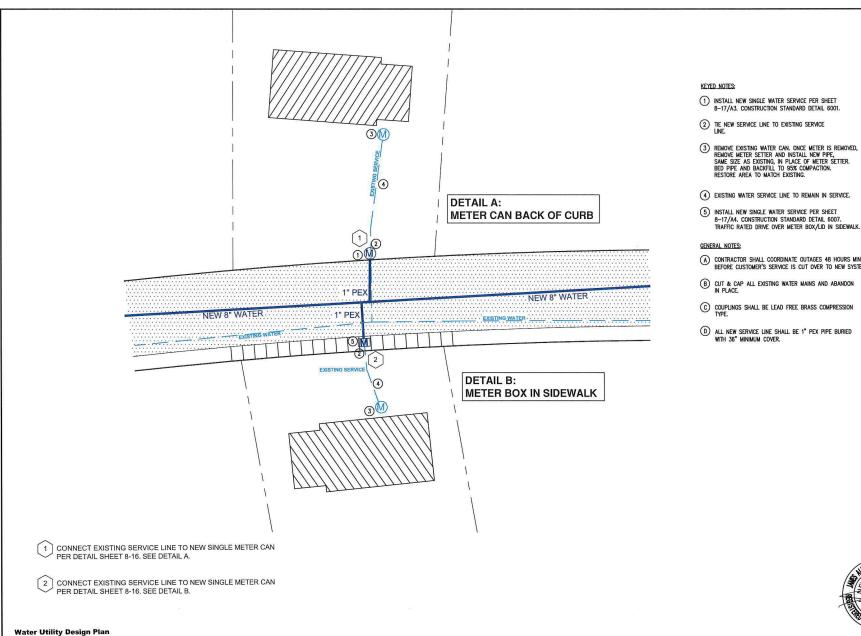
Attachment A

| No. | No.

IFB 26-18 DENVER STEELS
PHASE II PROJECT
QUESTA DR.: STA. 305+00 to 309+00

OS ALAMOS

INCORPORATED COUNTY
OF LOS ALAMOS
OF COS ALAMOS
OF COS ALAMOS
OF COS ALAMOS
OF COS ALAMOS OF COS ALA



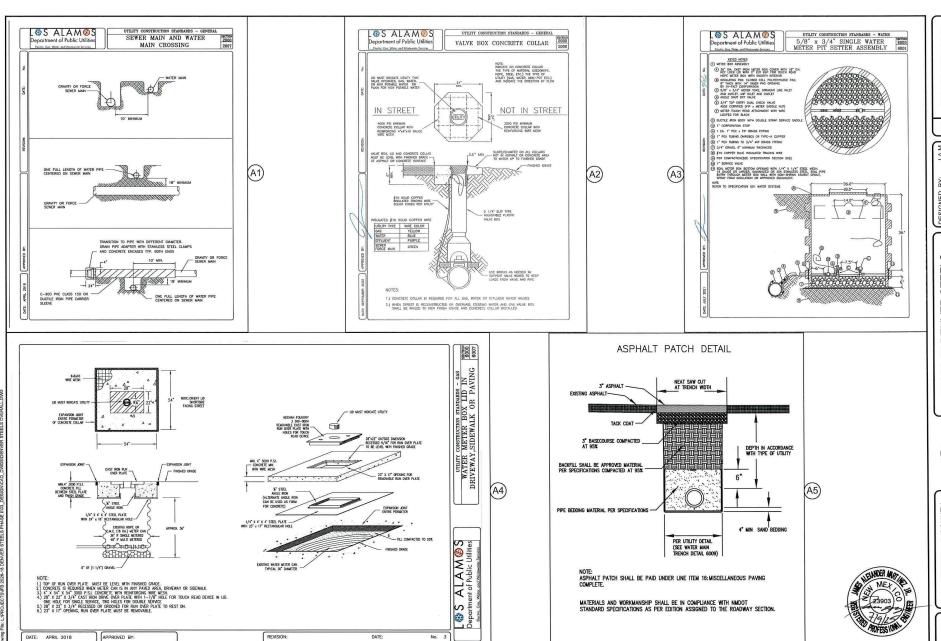
REVISION DESCRIPTION

- (A) CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE OUTAGES 48 HOURS MINIMUM BEFORE CUSTOMER'S SERVICE IS CUT OVER TO NEW SYSTEM.

DESIGNED BY: DRAWN BY: APPROVED B'

3 26-18 DENVER STEELS PHASE II PROJECT DETAIL SHEET

FB



DATE:

No. 3

Attacl

DATE: APRIL 2018

APPROVED BY:

REVISION DESCRIPTION Š. BY: BY:

DESIGNED B' DRAWN BY: APPROVED E
DATE:
SCALE:

26-18 DENVER STEELS PHASE II PROJECT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS IFB

LOS ALAMOS

INCORPORATED COUNTY
OF LOS ALAMOS
DEPARTMENTO F PUBLIC
1000 CENTRAL AVE. SUITE 130
1103 ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO 87544
(1695) 682-8338 FAX. (1609) 862-8003 SUITE 130 XICO 87544 05) 662-8005

