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NEW ENGINEERING FIRM TO COMPLETE ENGINEERING OF LIFT STATION 87 PROJECT

Sarasota, FL: McKim & Creed, a national engineering firm with a Sarasota office, has been selected to complete the evaluation and engineering of the Lift Station 87 Project (LS 87 Project). City Commissioners on Monday approved a contract with McKim & Creed to serve as the successor Engineer of Record and to complete the engineering of the project. As part of the agreement, McKim and Creed will provide community outreach throughout the project.

“We know the community has concerns about completing this project,” said Sarasota Utility Director Mitt Tidwell. “We are taking a number of steps to protect the City’s investment and minimize risks going forward. We’ll keep residents informed every step of the way through community meetings, a project web site, emails, and regular updates at City Commission meetings.”

Once completed, the LS 87 Project will improve wastewater service and reliability for the City of Sarasota customers and protect the environment. The new LS 87 will replace existing Lift Station 7, located at 935 Pomelo Avenue. Wastewater flow will be redirected from LS 7 to LS 87, located in Luke Wood Park, via a new gravity sewer pipeline that will need to be constructed under Hudson Bayou.

In early 2013, the City issued a Request for Proposals to engineering firms to complete the project. McKim & Creed was the top-ranked firm, demonstrating microtunneling, large diameter pipeline, and lift station construction expertise.

Under Phase I of the contract, McKim & Creed will evaluate the original design, conduct additional geologic investigations, propose design revisions, and keep residents informed of the project’s progress. Phase II will include final engineering and construction phase services and will be based on approved recommendations from the Phase I evaluations.

Redesign of the LS 87 project is scheduled to be completed in mid-2014. Construction is slated to begin in mid-2014 and last approximately one year. A project website will be developed to keep residents informed about the project’s schedule. For more information about the LS 87 Project and to register to receive updates via email go to

[www.sarasotagov.com/OALP Utility Project/](http://www.sarasotagov.com/OALP_Utility_Project/) or visit www.SarasotaGov.com and click the construction hard hat icon. Also, follow us on Twitter @CityofSarasota.

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