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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **City Seeking Proposals for Utility Pipe Bridge Removal**

**Kerrville, Texas (Dec. 27, 2018)** - The City of Kerrville is currently seeking proposals for deconstruction of the damaged aerial pipe bridge infrastructure near the Loop 534 TxDOT bridge, and anticipates work to begin on that effort in mid-January, with the visible elements to be removed by the end of January.

The aerial utility pipe bridge, constructed primarily in 2018, received major damage during the October 2018 Guadalupe River



flood event that included a rise in flood water level and extensive debris moving downstream. Since the event, the city has preliminarily assessed the damage that occurred to the pipe bridge and is evaluating options to redesign and/or relocate the infrastructure to continue to serve customers in both the near-term and long-term,

especially during periods of high utility demand. The city has multiple locations where water, wastewater, and reuse water infrastructure cross the Guadalupe River, and existing utility infrastructure is serving customers during the low-demand period typical of the winter months. The city will continue to deliver reuse irrigation water that may be needed in the summer by adding a temporary reuse water line along the existing low-water crossing. During this time the adjacent low-water pedestrian foot bridge at the site will be closed to the public.

The utility pipe bridge was designed in 2016 to help serve the needs of the Kerrville community south of the Guadalupe River. Multiple options were assessed for crossing the Guadalupe River in this general location during the design phase, but the aerial utility pipe bridge was eventually selected due to cost and timing constraints.

The city is also currently evaluating various funding opportunities for this redesign/reconstruction effort, including insurance claims, FEMA hazard mitigation opportunities, and Texas Water Development Board Disaster Recovery Funds.

Additional damage mitigation work may be required for several months. During that time, the low-water crossing bridge will remain closed for the safety of the general public and for the use by the contractor in the deconstruction effort.

The city appreciates the community's patience during these efforts.