

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services – Public Information Open House

Regarding Regional Sanitary Sewer Repairs Along Lake Street and Irving Avenue in Minneapolis

**St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis
Tuesday, November 20, 2012 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro-area wastewater collection and treatment system, will hold a public information open house to discuss repair work that will begin in December on a regional sanitary sewer located along Lake Street and Irving Avenue in Minneapolis.

Public Information Open House Details:

Time/Date: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012

Location: St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, located at the intersection of Irving Ave. S. and 35th St. W., Minneapolis

Format: Staff from MCES and its construction contractor, **Lametti & Sons**, will provide information about the sewer repair project and answer your questions.

Why Does the Sewer Need to be Repaired?

This concrete sewer is approximately 90 years old, and is showing signs of corrosion and cracking inside the pipe. Repairs will extend the life of the sewer for several more decades, as well as prevent groundwater and stormwater from leaking into the sewer.

Where and When Will the Work Take Place?

Repairs will be done on an approximately 7,500-foot segment of the sewer, which is located **along Lake St. between France Ave. and Irving Ave., and along Irving Ave. between Lake St. and 27th St.** The work will take place in Lake Calhoun Park and in the MCES sewer easements in the roadways.

The repair work is scheduled to **begin in December 2012**, and is scheduled to be substantially completed by **July 2013**. Trail reconstruction in the park and landscape restoration throughout the project area will be scheduled in the spring.

How Will the Work Be Done?

To minimize inconvenience to the public, MCES's contractor for this project, **Lametti & Sons Inc.**, will repair and restore the regional sewer with a "**cured-in-place-pipe**" (**CIPP**) **trenchless technology**. This involves feeding material down existing manholes and forming a new sewer pipe within the existing pipe. The old, damaged pipe is not actually removed, so the majority of the digging is confined to manhole locations. We will, however, need to do some grading and tree and brush removal in our existing sewer easement and other public right-of-way areas to access

the manholes and complete the repair. Disturbed landscape and paved areas will be restored. The CIPP technology is a very cost-effective, efficient and widely used way of repairing damaged sewers.

The work will consist of seven main activities: cleaning the sewer; pavement removal; setting up temporary pumps and diversion pipes to convey wastewater past the repair area; installing a new lining inside the existing sewer; removing the temporary wastewater conveyance system; rehabilitating the existing manholes; and restoring disturbed areas.

How Will the Work Affect Property Owners?

During this construction, you may experience **some temporary inconveniences** as the work takes place within your neighborhood. They may include temporary parking and traffic restrictions; contractor equipment parking; extended work hours during portions of the project; lights, dust and resin odor from the curing of the new sewer; and some noise from pumps, generators and other construction equipment.

During this repair, temporary pumps and diversion pipes will convey wastewater past the repair area and back into the existing sewer farther downstream. MCES reminds the public that the diversion pipes are active pressurized sewers: If you notice any vandalism to these pipes or other construction equipment, please report it to the police.

Who Pays for the Work?

The cost of this project **is not assessed to adjacent property owners**. It is spread out among all MCES sewer customers in the metro area.

Safety Reminder:

TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY, WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND PETS PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM ALL CONSTRUCTION AREAS.

For More Information:

MCES staff are available to review this project with you and answer your questions in person or by phone or e-mail. Please contact:

- **Steve Vogl, construction contract manager, at 651-602-8916 or steve.vogl@metc.state.mn.us**
- **Tim O'Donnell, project citizens liaison, at 651-602-1269 or tim.odonnell@metc.state.mn.us**
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