Environmental Committee

Meeting date: February 26, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council special meeting of March 6, 2013

Subject: Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Cooperative Agreements with the Cities of Excelsior, Greenwood and Shorewood for MCES Project No. 802850

District(s), Member(s): District 3, Jennifer Munt

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.504 Subd. 6 and 471.59

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Proposed Action

The Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute cooperative agreements between the Council and the cities of Excelsior, Greenwood and Shorewood, for the construction of and services related to the construction of the Excelsior Forcemain, MCES Project No. 802850.

Background

As part of the planned construction of a parallel force main through the cities of Excelsior, Greenwood and Shorewood, the MCES has been working with the cities to construct street and utility improvements as part of the MCES construction contract. These cities also will be providing services such as easement acquisition assistance and plan review for the Council. The construction will be performed in two contracts, one in 2013 and another in 2014.

The cities will provide the designs for the improvements and the Council's architect/engineer will incorporate the designs into combined contract documents. The city and interceptor work will be bid together by MCES. The Council will be reimbursed for construction costs associated with city work.

Rationale

Two of the three agreements will exceed $250,000 in cost to the Council. Concurrent construction will reduce the duration and amount of disruption to the communities and is of significant value to the cities.

Funding

Capital or Operating Budget: Capital

Currently Authorized: $20,000,000

Unencumbered Funds: $17,440,000

Requested Amount: $1,600,000 (total for all three agreements)

Known Support / Opposition

The City Councils of each community support this item.