

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: February 14, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 22, 2017

**Subject:** Disposition of Surplus Property in South Saint Paul

**District(s), Member(s):** Richard Kramer, District 13

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statute 473.504 Subd 11

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Daniel Fick, 651-602-1061; Bryce Pickart, 651-602-1091

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to re-convey property that was part of the original South Saint Paul Wastewater Treatment Plant site to the City of South Saint Paul at no cost in accordance with the original acquisition agreement.

### Background

In 1969 the Metropolitan Sewer Board acquired the South St. Paul Wastewater Treatment Plant as part of the development of a regional wastewater disposal system. Section 2.03 of the transfer Agreement between the Metropolitan Sewer Board (Board) and the City of South Saint Paul (Municipality) stated that:

*The Board agrees to re-convey to the Municipality the treatment works property or any part of it when the Board determines it is no longer needed for the metropolitan disposal system.*

With the decommissioning of the South Saint Paul Wastewater Treatment Plant during the 1980s and completion of the Lift Station L-65 facility improvements in 2015, certain portions the original property are no longer required for the regional wastewater disposal system.

### Rationale

Reconveyance of this surplus property is a fulfillment of the Council's commitments under the original transfer agreement.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcomes of stewardship and prosperity by responsibly managing our existing investments and supporting orderly and economic growth by returning land back to local government where it will be made available for redevelopment in accordance with the City's approved Comprehensive Plan. Further, by releasing the land back to the City of South St. Paul, the land can be utilized for future development that will grow the region's economic strengths by providing an opportunity for a business to succeed.

### Funding

None required.

### Known Support / Opposition

The City of South Saint Paul supports this action. No known opposition.