

Environment Committee

Meeting date: November 14, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 29, 2017

Subject: Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Mound and Hennepin County

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

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 471.59 and 117.016

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute joint powers agreements with the City of Mound and Hennepin County for acquisition of real property.

Background

The Mound 7021 forcemain project will replace nearly 3 miles of existing MCES 24-inch forcemain with two 18-inch forcemains along County State Aid Highway 44, commencing at L38 in Mound and discharging to gravity pipe in Lake Minnetonka Regional Park in Minnetrista.

As part of this project, we will enter into cooperative agreements with the City of Mound to remove and replace utilities and with Hennepin County to install drainage improvements. Permanent easement acquisition is necessary for the City of Mound and Hennepin County to reasonably operate their infrastructure long-term. MCES must enter into a Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Mound and Hennepin County to obtain easements on their behalf.

By working in a cooperative manner with these respective agencies, we can minimize the impacts to the community. This project is scheduled for construction during 2018-2020 with an estimated Metropolitan Council cost of \$23,100,000.

Rationale

Under Minn. Stat. §§ 117.016 and 471.59, the acquisition of real property by one agency on behalf of another, requires the agencies to first enter into a joint powers agreement.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore existing wastewater infrastructure, which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

Project No. 802829 is included in the 2017 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Currently Authorized: \$30,450,000

Unencumbered Funds: \$29,788,043

Requested Amount: \$0

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Mound and Hennepin County are supportive of this project.