

Environment Committee

Meeting date: March 23, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 14, 2021

Subject: Coon Rapids Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 1, Project No 808685, Land Acquisition

District(s), Member(s): District 9, Raymond Zeran

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota State Statue 437.504

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2021-12 authorizing the acquisition of temporary easements for the Coon Rapids Interceptor Rehabilitation project and staff to initiate condemnation proceedings.

Background

Improvements are required to renew interceptor sewer pipes rated in poor condition in the City of Coon Rapids to improve the integrity of the system. The project includes rehabilitation of 1.5 miles of gravity pipe and the maintenance structures. Temporary easements are required from approximately eight properties to facilitate construction. The project is estimated to be advertised late in 2021 and last through 2024.

Rationale

Land Acquisition is necessary to implement the proposed interceptor improvements. This action delegates authority to staff to acquire property rights for the project and to use the condemnation process, if necessary, to ensure timely project delivery.

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 and public health.

Funding

Project 808685 is included in the 8086 family of projects in the 2021 MCES Authorized Capital Program. Council Bonds will provide funding for the Project.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 12

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONDEMNATION OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR METROPOLITAN COUNCIL PROJECT NO. 808685.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Council Project No. 808685 (the “Project”) requires the acquisition of real property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Metropolitan Council finds and declares:

- (1) that the Project is a valid public project with a valid public purpose;
- (2) that the real property needed for the Project will be more particularly identified in the Project Plans or on the Project Work Map (the “Property”);
- (3) that the Property is necessary for the Project and must be obtained before the filing of an award by the court-appointed commissioners;
- (4) that, in the judgment of the Metropolitan Council, the acquisition of the Property will further the public health, safety and welfare, and will be undertaken in accordance with Minnesota Statutes and the Real Property Acquisition Policy of the Metropolitan Council;
- (5) that, under Minnesota Statutes Section 473.504, the Metropolitan Council has the authority to acquire the Property by condemnation, and that the Council directs its attorneys to acquire the Property by condemnation if the Property cannot be acquired by direct negotiation; and
- (6) that the condemnation of the Property will be done in accordance with the procedures authorized under Minnesota Statutes Chapters 473 and 117.

Adopted this 14 day of April 2021

Charles A. Zelle, Chair

Liz Sund, Recording Secretary