Business Item

Environment Committee



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Disposition of Property at 260 Fremont Avenue North

District(s), Member(s): District 7, Robert Lilligren

Policy/Legal Reference: FM 9-1 Real Estate Policy; Minn. Stat. §473.504

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to authorize the sale of real estate property at 260 Fremont Avenue North, 55405 for the Interceptor 1-MN-320 Improvements, MCES Project No. 809205.

Background

Interceptor 1-MN-320 was constructed in the 1880s consisting of 86-inch brick and stone arch pipe and supported by wood piles. An inspection of this interceptor has identified structural defects and was the subject of two recent emergency repairs. In both instances, public roadways and sidewalks were placed at risk due to the interceptor failure. Furthermore, failure of the interceptor could result in a release of wastewater to Bassett Creek. The conveyance system is being evaluated for improvement options to address to condition and poor hydraulic performance. A new alignment for the interceptor and a new lift station are anticipated.

Rationale

Land acquisition is necessary to implement the proposed interceptor improvements and new lift station location. Input with the City of Minneapolis and the community identified another location that was preferred and acquired. The property at 260 Fremont Avenue North is no longer needed for the project. This action delegates authority to staff to sell the property.

Thrive Lens Analysis

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

Funding

Project 809205 is included in the 2024 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small businesses with the proposed action.