



Business Item: 2025-026

Ratification of Emergency Declaration of Interceptor
1-SP-234



Environment Committee: January 14, 2025

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Emergency Declaration Purpose

- A declared public emergency is an emergency situation in which the health, safety, or welfare of the public or the safety of Metropolitan Council employees or facilities is compromised or potentially compromised and requires immediate action to correct.

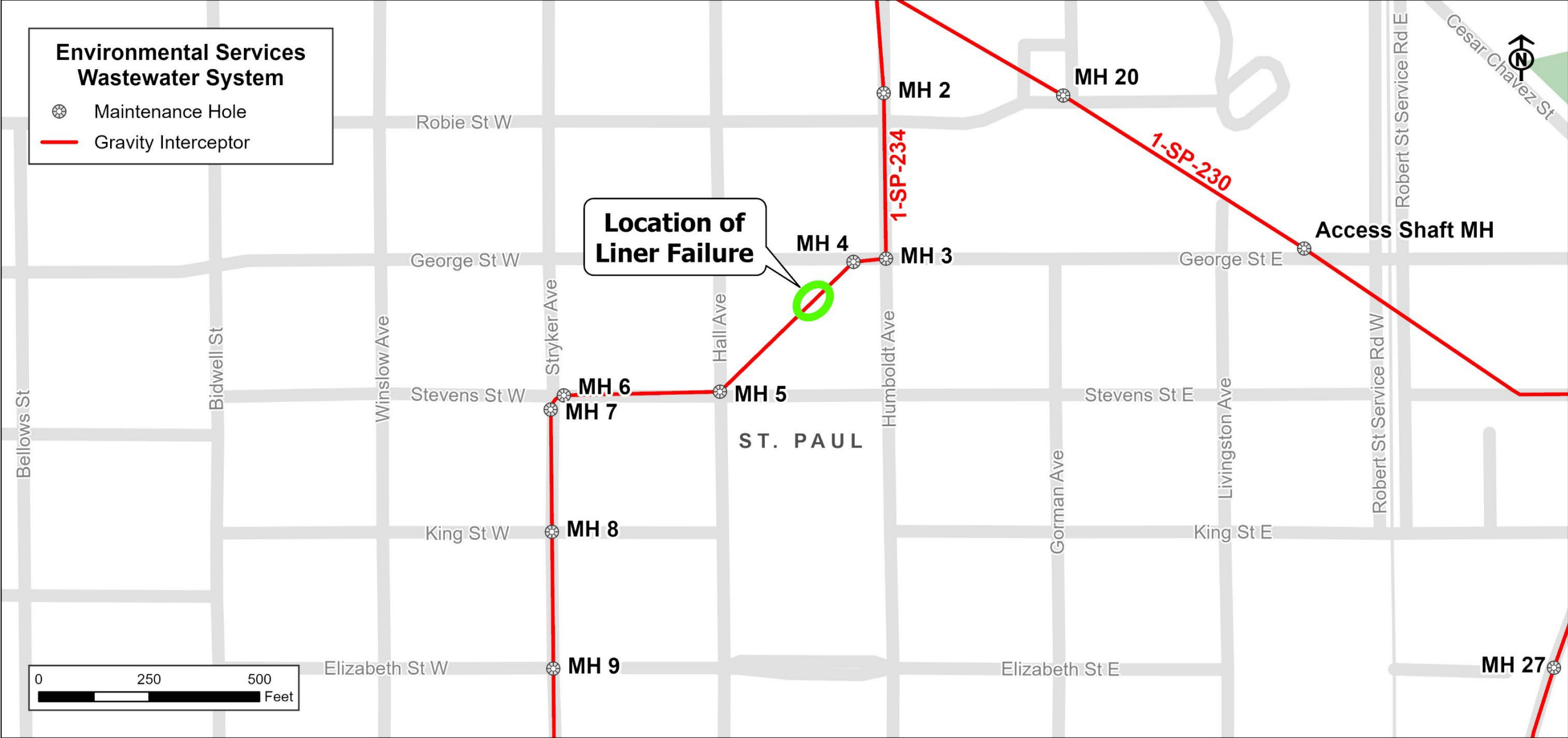
Recent emergency declaration examples:

- Sinkhole at a manhole due to a pipe failure, creating risk to the general public
- Failure of an interceptor due to corrosion of the pipe and creating risk to the integrity of a roadway

Emergency Declaration Process

- Infrastructure concern identified and investigated.
- Determination made that carrying out the competitive bidding process prescribed by the Council's procurement policy would unacceptably delay the commencement of work to repair the facility.
- Emergency Declaration document is prepared and signed by the General Manager of Environmental Services.
- After review, the Emergency Declaration is authorized by the Regional Administrator, who has delegated authority pursuant to the Council's procurement policy.
- Contractor is selected and work begins under the direction of a Council Authorized Representative.
- Emergency Declaration is ratified by Metropolitan Council if the cost to correct the emergency exceeds \$175,000.

Project Location



Project Background

1-SP-234 Failure

- 1-SP-234 was built in 1897
- Brick lined sandstone tunnel
- Failure discovered as a part of inspections for an upcoming rehabilitation project



Repair Scope and Estimate

- Engineering services to support repair work
- Shoring to support tunnel during repair work
- Reconstruction of tunnel lining
- Geotechnical evaluation of area to determine the extent of the damage
- Total estimated cost is approximately \$2,500,000

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs of the brick liner for Interceptor 1-SP-234 between George Street and Stevens Street in Saint Paul, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.



Questions

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