Business Item: 2025-40

Ratification of Declaration of Emergency Repair of Interceptor 1-MH-401C Lilydale Siphon

Environment Committee: March 11, 2025

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Emergency Declaration Process

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- 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, 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.

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Emergency Summary and Location

Background

- The 1-MH-401 system consists of three siphon pipes, 16" (A), 12" (B), and 20" (C) in diameter.

- An emergency was declared In July 2023 to repair Siphon B that failed and caused a sewage spill.

- Siphon C stopped taking flow and was taken out of service in July 2024.

- Inspection of Siphon A in February 2025 indicated a possible blockage or break.

- The system is currently operating with Siphons A and B and the condition of Siphon A suspect. Both siphons need to stay operable to provide daily capacity.

- Continued operation of Siphon A could cause an underground spill, undermine the other siphons and gas mains, or cause another surface spill.

- Emergency repair of Siphon C is required to provide capacity and minimize potential asset damage or release of sewage to the environment.

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs to Interceptor 1-MH-401C Lilydale Siphon in Saint Paul in the amount not to exceed $7,000,000.

Questions

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