

# Business Item 2025-266

High Strength Waste Hauling

Environment Committee: October 14, 2025

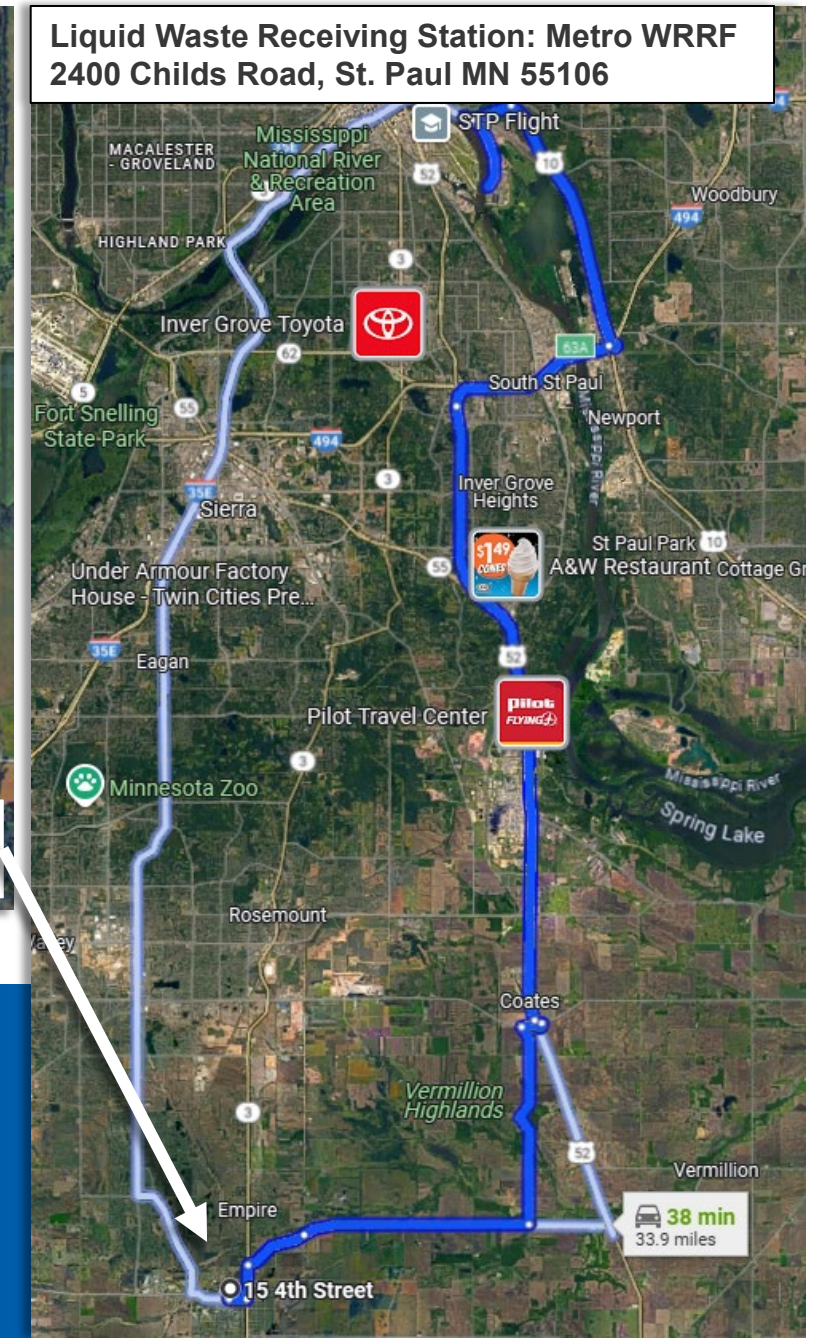
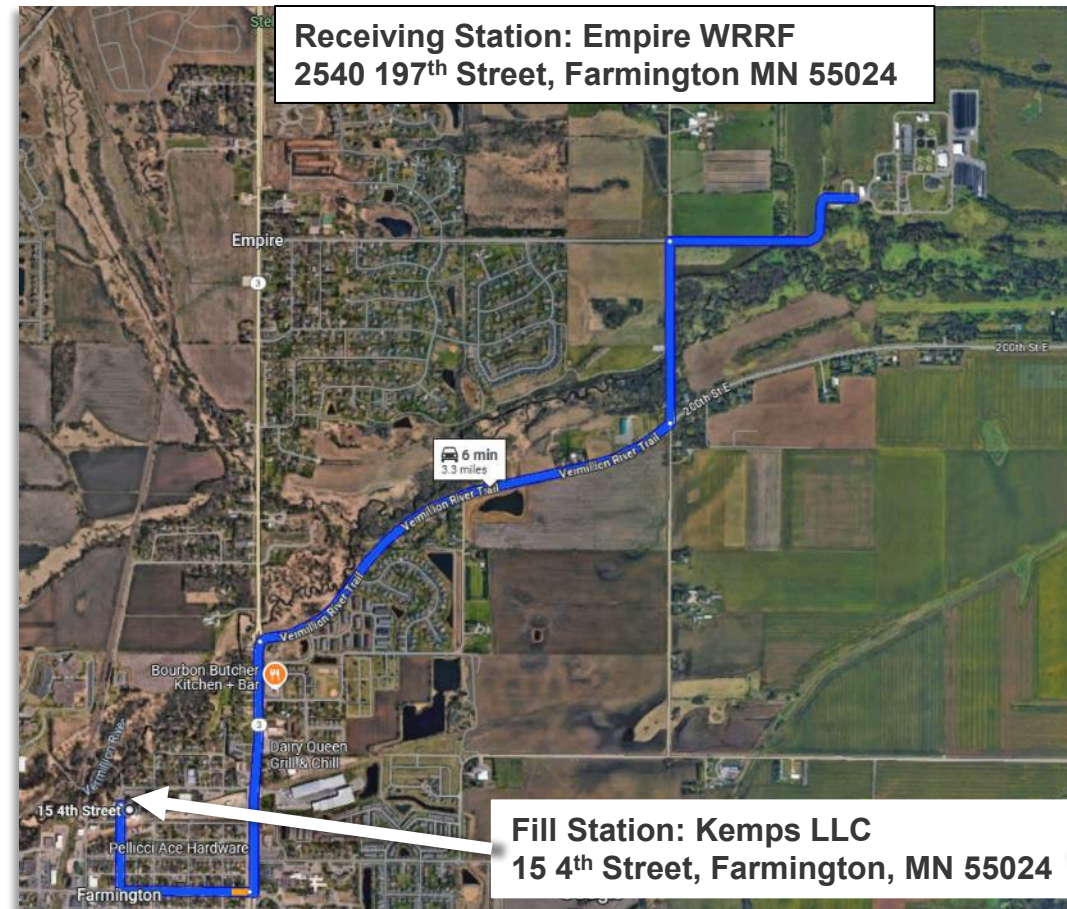


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# Scope of Services

- Haul up to 70,000 gallons per week of Whey Retentate from Kemps LLC to:
  - Empire (3 miles) or
  - Metro (34 miles)
- Manage storage volumes at Kemps and Empire WRRF
- Provide all necessary labor and equipment



**Whey Retentate is a byproduct of cottage cheese manufacturing. This High Strength Waste added to Empire digesters generates biogas which is used as fuel for boilers, providing heat for building and treatment processes.**

# Solicitation Summary

- Request for Proposals Issued June 3, 2025
- Public Pre-Proposal Meeting June 23, 2025
- Upon review by the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity, no Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business goal was set.
- Three Proposals Received July 8, 2025
  - Bay West LLC
  - Rehbein Agricultural Services, Inc.
  - Schlomka's Vac Truck Services, Inc.

# Proposal Evaluation Summary

- Panel Members
  - Three (3) Environmental Services Staff
- Criteria
  - Quality of the Proposal
  - Experience of the Proposer
  - Qualifications of the Proposer
  - Price of the Proposal
- Consensus: Schlomka's Vac Truck Service, Inc. proposal represents the best overall value to the Council.



# Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute Contract 25P064 with Schlomka's Vac Truck Services, Inc. for hauling high strength waste from Kemps LLC to either the Empire or the Metropolitan Water Resource Recovery Facility in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

# Questions?

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