

Environment Committee

Meeting date: August 13, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 28, 2013

Subject: Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Woodbury

District(s), Member(s): District 12, Harry Melander

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.504

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Division/Department: Environmental Services, Technical Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Woodbury related to provision of a future regional Lift Station L77 with service to northeast Woodbury and eastern Lake Elmo.

Background

The Metropolitan Council (Council) and City of Woodbury (City) entered into the Colby Lake Segment of the South Washington County Interceptor Cost Sharing Agreement Number 03I013 in 2003, and five amendments between 2004 and 2008. Many provisions of that agreement are complete, such as City cost sharing payments for the Colby Lake Segment, Council payments to the City for engineering services on L77 and the Lake Elmo East Interceptor, City acquisition of land rights for future Council facilities, and the Council's acquisition of the City's Wilmes Lake force main pipe west of Radio Drive. Some incomplete provisions related to future interceptor outlet corridors for L77 remain viable. It is recommended that useful provisions of agreement 03I013 and new terms be consolidated into a new agreement. The terms of the new agreement would relate to the future provision of regional wastewater conveyance capacity to northeast Woodbury and eastern Lake Elmo, including City's provision to Council of land rights for future sewer pipeline corridors, terms for Council purchase of existing City trunk sanitary force main, and Council rights to lease available wastewater capacity in certain City gravity trunk sewers. The regional system will include a new regional Lift Station L77 and one or more force mains. It may also eventually include regional gravity interceptor sewers downstream of L77.

Rationale

If the Council exercises a proposed option to purchase Woodbury's NE Trunk Sanitary Force Main in 2014, the net cost to the Council would be approximately \$1.3 million. Thereafter, the cost will decline by straight-line depreciation of the force main.

Funding

Currently Authorized: \$5,175,000 (Project 806310)

Unencumbered Funds: \$5,175,000

Requested Amount: \$1,300,000

Known Support / Opposition

The City Council of Woodbury authorized negotiation and execution of this agreement in June 2013.