

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 27, 2014

Subject: Ratification of Declaration of Emergency for Metro Plant Flood Access

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council ratifies the attached Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for Metro Plant flood access.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Discussion occurred regarding whether a permanent roadway could be constructed rather than building a temporary structure. Staff indicated extensive construction work, including a large bridge, would be required at a much higher cost. The need for the temporary road has occurred in 1993, 1997, 2001, 2010, and 2011. Major floods prior to that were in 1952, 1965, and 1969.

Motion to approve the proposed action was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Environment Committee

Meeting date: August 12, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 27, 2014

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District(s), Member(s): District 13, Richard Kramer

Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3 -3, Expenditures

Staff Prepared/Presented: Bryce Pickart, 651-602-1091

Division/Department: MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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Background

High June rainfall caused the Mississippi River to reach flood stage and caused closure of Childs Road from June 23 to July 3. Childs Road is the access road to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant. A temporary access road was constructed between Warner Road and the double barrel interceptor to the Metro Plant to provide one-way vehicular access. Trucks that haul waste and discharge at the liquid waste receiving facility at the Metro Plant were re-routed to the backup facility at Third and Commercial. Security services were procured to supervise traffic control to and from Warner Road and the Metro Plant as well as traffic control at Third and Commercial.

Rationale

Metropolitan Council has delegated authority to the Regional Administrator to declare emergencies on behalf of the Council when the health, safety or welfare of the public is compromised or potentially compromised, and immediate action is required to address the emergency. The emergency declaration is then presented to the appropriate implementation committee for approval, and placed on a following Council consent list for formal ratification.

Funding

The cost of the temporary access road and associated security is estimated at \$150,000. Funding is provided in the 2014 MCES Operating Budget.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition