

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 23, 2019

Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement with Hennepin County

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Chair Lindstrom requested clarification on the rationale for replacing forcemain with a bridge constructed over it. Staff stated the current plans are to have pilings for the bridge abutments driven within close proximity or on top of our existing pipe that would affect the stability and integrity of the existing forcemain.

Committee Member Sterner inquired about the type of bridge that will be built. Staff stated plans are under development by Hennepin County and has that detail not been determined at this time.

Environment Committee

Meeting date: October 8, 2019

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District(s), Member(s): District 3, Christopher Ferguson

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota State Statute 473.504 and 471.59

Staff Prepared/Presented: Chris Remus, 651-602-4538

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

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Background

Hennepin County plans to replace their bridge over the Tanager Lake channel in the City of Orono in 2020 due to the current bridge no longer being sustainable for future use. MCES forcemain 7113 is located within an MCES-owned easement on the west side of the bridge. The County's project will require relocation of this pipe from the under the footprint of the new bridge to avoid damaging the existing pipe and continue to maintain and operate the forcemain in the future.

This project will be constructed under the proposed intergovernmental agreement with Hennepin County. This project is scheduled for construction in 2020-2021 with an estimated Metropolitan Council cost of \$500,000.

Rationale

Intergovernmental agreements with an agency exceeding \$500,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore existing wastewater infrastructure, which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

Project 802886 is included in the 2019-2020 MCES Authorized Capital Program

Currently Authorized: \$850,000

Unencumbered Funds: \$768,000

Requested Amount: \$0

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.