

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 8, 2020

Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Minneapolis
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Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Chair Lindstrom inquired if this process is standard when there is another project planned in a specific area. Staff confirmed that it is an opportunity to coordinate public infrastructure work and to minimize disruption to the area where the project is taking place.

Committee Member Zeran asked if the project DBE goals had been determined. Staff stated that they are in the preliminary phase of the design process. The Office of Equal Opportunity will assign goals after the completion of the design and prior to the project going out for bidding.

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Meeting date: June 23, 2020

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District(s), Member(s): District 6, Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota State Statute 473.504 and 471.59

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Background

MCES is currently designing the replacement of the 7026 forcemain that is located along The Mall between Bde Maka Ska Parkway East and Humboldt Avenue; and along Humboldt Avenue between The Mall and 27th Street. Construction is proposed to begin in April 2021.

The City of Minneapolis has experienced flooding on Humboldt Avenue in the area of the proposed construction. The City has asked to enter into a cooperative construction agreement with the Metropolitan Council to include storm sewer improvements as part of the Council's construction project which will limit the disruption to residents and park users.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship and the Thrive principle of collaboration. 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 2020-2021 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Currently Authorized: \$3,100,000

Known Support / Opposition

Known support for this construction and agreement include the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. There is no known opposition.