

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 28, 2020

Subject: Public Hearing Request for Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Draft Facility Plan Project, MCES Project No. 802891

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on December 15, 2020 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 802891.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Chair Lindstrom commented that he was able to attend the Draft Facility Plan Open House on October 6, 2020 (virtually) and looks forward to the sessions in December. Staff appreciated his participation and looks forward to seeing him in December.

Environment Committee

Meeting date: October 13, 2020

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District(s), Member(s): District 1 Judy Johnson, District 3 Christopher Ferguson, and District 4 Deb Barber

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Rule 7077.0272, subpart 3

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

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Background

A public hearing is required for a draft facility plan prior to its adoption by the Metropolitan Council as a condition for obtaining project financing through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. If authorized by the Metropolitan Council, a virtual public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Rationale

Hydraulic modeling, flow projections, condition assessments, age of infrastructure, and cooperative opportunities have identified improvements to the MCES facilities in the Lake Minnetonka Area (Blue Lake Service Area). The improvements will upgrade reliability, efficiency and customer level of service.

1. Rehabilitation of existing infrastructure: Lift Station L46 (Orono), Lift Station L21 (Shorewood), and Lift Station L48 (Deephaven).
2. Replacement of aging infrastructure: Lift Station L20 (Shorewood) and associated gravity sewer pipe through the City of Excelsior, Lift Station L49 (Orono), Interceptor 6-DH-645 (Deephaven)
3. Realignment: Forcemain 7113 (Orono) relocate aging and inaccessible forcemain out of a heavily traveled Shoreline Drive (CSAH 15).

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 wastewater infrastructure, which protects the regions natural resources.

Funding

Preliminary funds for the project's planning, design, and construction are included in the 2021 Capital Program. MCES will submit this project to PFA and MPCA for inclusion in its Intended Use Plan.

Known Support / Opposition

MCES staff is not aware of opposition to the project.