

## Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2021

**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Excelsior

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Excelsior for the construction of street and utility improvements as part of the MCES Excelsior Lift Station L20 project.

### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Chair Lindstrom inquired if the intergovernmental agreement is a standard agreement or if there are differences between others that are in place. Staff stated this represents a standard agreement.

Committee Member Wulff asked if there is enough long-term capacity in L19 to accommodate the increased flows and if there would be savings in maintenance and operating costs. Staff confirmed this will save on maintenance and operating costs and L19 will have sufficient capacity to maintain the flow downstream.

Chair Lindstrom asked if there is a mechanism in place to track abandoned pipes in the system and what is used to fill and seal the pipe. Staff stated there is a standard procedure to abandon unused pipes and our GIS system tracks where the pipes are located. Abandoned pipes are filled with a “grout” type fill to seal it off.

The proposed action was approved.

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: January 12, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2021

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN State Statute 437.504 and 473.59, Council Expenditures Policy 3-3

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Dan Fick, 651-602-1061; Chris Remus, 651-602-4538

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

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### Background

Lift Station L20 was constructed in 1970. The 2007 Lake Minnetonka Area Facility Plan determined that L20 should be replaced with a gravity pipe connection to L19. The project will construct approximately 3,600 feet of 18" diameter gravity pipe to redirect flow to Lift Station L19 located in Excelsior.

MCES has been collaborating with the city of Excelsior to include local infrastructure improvements such as sidewalks, utilities, and street upgrades within the L20 replacement project corridor. An agreement is needed to set the terms and conditions for such cooperative construction.

### Rationale

Intergovernmental agreements with an agency exceeding \$500,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization per Council Expenditure Policy 3-3.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship, Prosperity, and Sustainability and the Thrive Principles of Integration and Collaboration.

### Funding

Project 802856 is included in the 2020 MCES Authorized Capital Program.  
Currently Authorized: \$7,250,000

### Known Support / Opposition

Known Support for this construction project and agreement include the City of Excelsior. There is no known opposition.