

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 10, 2021

Subject: Adopt Facility Plan for the Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 802891

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 802891, per the attached Resolution No. 2021-3.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

No comments or questions.

The proposed action was approved.

Post Meeting Update:

At the conclusion of the meeting a correction was made to the proposed action to reflect the accurate project number of 802891 rather than 80289. This action will also be corrected in the Council minutes for the February 10, 2021 meeting.

Environment Committee

Meeting date: January 26, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 10, 2021

Subject: Adopt Facility Plan for the Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 802891

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

Policy/Legal Reference: PFA Loan Requirement

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

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 802891, per the attached Resolution No. 2021-3.

Background

The Facility Plan recommends the following projects to restore the integrity, minimize wastewater spill potential, and maintain public health, safety, and welfare. These projects are programmed to take place over the next 5 years.

- Rehabilitation: Lift Stations L46, L21, and L48
- Replacement of infrastructure: Lift Stations L20, L49, and Interceptor 6-DH-645
- Realignment: Forcemain 7113 (move out of CSAH 15)

The Facility Plan was made available for public review on November 13, 2020. An online public hearing, attended by thirteen residents, was held on December 15, 2020. Three questions were asked during the hearing and eight additional comments were received during the comment period. MCES staff has responded to all of these and will further engage with each community to address the concerns raised during design phase of the projects. The Facility Plan, materials, and public hearing summary are available on the project site at: <https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Projects/Sewer-Planning-Construction-Updates/Projects/Lake-Minnetonka-FP-802891.aspx>.

Following adoption by the Metropolitan Council, the Facility Plan will be submitted to MPCA in conjunction with an application for placement of the five projects on the Project Priority List for funding through the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund beginning in fiscal year 2021.

Rationale

Public Facilities Authority (PFA) loan funding eligibility requires formal adoption of the Facility Plan by resolution (attached) following a public hearing on the draft Facility Plan.

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 for inclusion in its 2021 Intended Use Plan.

Known Support / Opposition

MCES staff is not aware of opposition to the project.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3
RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE
THE FACILITY PLAN FOR THE
LAKE MINNETONKA REGIONAL AREA INTERCEPTOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
PROJECT NO. 802891

WHERE AS:

1. The Metropolitan Council is a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota and has statutory responsibility for operating the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area regional wastewater collection and treatment system, and
2. The Metropolitan Council has determined it is necessary and convenient for the fulfillment of its statutory responsibilities to construct the Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project, Project Number 802891, and
3. A draft Facility Plan for the project has been completed and a public hearing was held on December 15, 2020 to discuss the proposed project and the draft Facility Plan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL,
that the Facility Plan for the
LAKE MINNETONKA REGIONAL AREA INTERCEPTOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
PROJECT NO. 802891

is hereby approved and adopted.

Adopted this 10th day of February 2021.

Charles A. Zelle, Chair

Liz Sund, Recording Secretary