

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: June 14, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: June 22, 2022

Business Item: 2022-167

Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Facility Plan for the 1-MN-320 Reconstruction Project, MCES Project No. 809205

Proposed Action

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Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Sterner asked whether the proposed replacement facilities would last as long as the existing facilities. Staff responded that the reconstruction of the facility, which will utilize reinforced / lined concrete pipe or other resilient materials, should provide an additional 50-80 years before more major updates are needed.

Motion by Phillip Sterner, seconded by Wendy Wulff. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s): District 7, Robert Lilligren
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Rule 7077.0272, subpart 3
Staff Prepared/Presented: Tim Wedin, Assistant Manager Engineering Services, 651-602-4571
Division/Department: MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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Background

1-MN-320 was constructed in the 1880s and 1890s as a combined sewer. It consists of an 86-inch brick and stone arch pipe and is supported by wood piles. Condition assessments have identified this interceptor is in poor condition and in need of rehabilitation. Sections of the pipe have failed, requiring emergency repairs. Additionally, the flat grade of the pipe causes significant operational issues such as increased cleaning needs to maintain flow through the system. The proposed project will include the construction of a new lift station and forcemain to serve the Currie Avenue area and the construction of a new gravity sewer.

Rationale

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.

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 region's natural resources.

Funding

Project 809205 is included in the 8092 family of projects in the 2022 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity will review this project for a Disadvantaged Business enterprise (DBE) goal prior to advertisement.