

# Committee Report

Environment Committee



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**For the Metropolitan Council:** September 27, 2023

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### Proposed Action

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### Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

- Cederberg asked: Could you let us know how long it took from the time of discovery to completion?
- Staff responded: We began around the beginning of April or May and it brought us into end of August.
- CM Wulff asked: Did we figure out what the cause was?
- Staff responded: At this time I am still not aware of a determination of cause. We may never know.

Motion by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Morales. Motion carried.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 6, John Pacheco, Jr.
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Tim Wedin, Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager, 651-602-4571
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Environmental Services

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That the Metropolitan Council revise Emergency Declaration 2023-103 for repairs of the maintenance hole for Interceptor 1-MN-330 at 27<sup>th</sup> Street West and Girard Avenue South in Minneapolis, from an estimated \$350,000 to an amount not to exceed of \$430,000.

### Background

On April 9, 2023, MCES staff were notified of a sinkhole at the intersection of 27<sup>th</sup> Street West and Girard Avenue South in Minneapolis. Further Investigation determined the connection of MCES maintenance hole MH 71 to Interceptor 1-MN-330 was damaged and needed immediate repair to protect public health and safety and prevent continued soil erosion; expansion of the sink hole; and damage to existing utilities including a gas main, storm sewer, water service, and the interceptor.

An Emergency Declaration was declared on April 24, 2023 and then ratified on May 9, 2023 with a total estimated cost not to exceed \$350,000. Actual time and material costs for the work were approximately \$430,00 due to the need for a custom fabricated soil retention system to accommodate existing utilities; grouting required to prevent sloughing of soils into the 30-foot-deep retention system; and a larger saddle required to repair the damaged maintenance hole/interceptor connection that was more extensive than originally assessed. None of these conditions could be verified until the excavation was completed and actual field conditions verified.

### Rationale

FM 14-2 states that Emergency Declarations exceeding \$175,000 require appropriate Committee and Council ratification.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore existing capacity to existing wastewater infrastructure, which protects the region's natural resources.

## **Funding**

The initial estimated cost for the emergency work was \$350,000. The final estimated time and material cost is \$430,000. This work will be funded out of the 2023 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

## **Small Business Inclusion**

Due to the time-sensitive nature of the Emergency Declaration and the need for immediate work to be performed to protect public health and existing infrastructure, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not establish a small business goal. The application of a goal would have significantly impacted the timing of this work.

