

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: January 23, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: February 14, 2024

Business Item: 2024-27

Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Vadnais Heights

Proposed Action

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Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

- CM Wulff asked: Are they going to be doing any filling in of wetland to accomplish this?
- Staff responded: Yes, there will be earth berms constructed wide enough to allow vehicle access. This will require filling in the wetland, which the city will be working through the wetland mitigation and impacts.

Motion by CM Morales seconded by CM Cameron. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 10, Peter Lindstrom
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-2-Expenditures for the Procurements of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Chris Remus, Assistant Manager, Interceptor Services, 651-602-4538
Division/Department:	Environmental Services

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Background

The City has proposed a joint project to raise the grade between maintenance access structures to provide vehicular access. Both the City of Vadnais Height and MCES have sanitary sewer system infrastructure located in a wetland area. The soft soils of the wetland make accessing the maintenance access structures for cleaning, maintenance, and inspection extremely difficult for service vehicles.

Rationale

Both organizations would benefit from the improved access to their respective structures. Costs for engineering and construction would be split between MCES and the City proportionally. The project work would be contracted by the City with construction planned for 2024.

Council policy requires interagency agreements with expenditures valued at greater than \$500,000 to be approved by Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The action advances the Thrive outcomes of stewardship, prosperity, and sustainability and the Thrive principles of integration and collaboration.

Funding

This project will be funded through local funding. Funding has been identified within the 2024 Capital Improvement Program.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small businesses with the proposed action.