

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 22, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: November 13, 2024

Business Item: 2024-268

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Proposed Action

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Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

- Chair Lindstrom asked: Why does it make more sense to have the interceptor on the northwest side of the road verse the southside of the road towards the future plant site?
- Staff responded: We picked a location that would be the easiest with the concerns of the environment and cultural resources.
- CM Cederberg: Are you anticipating any issues from the community at the public hearing?
- Staff responded: We haven't received any negative comments to date.

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



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District(s), Member(s):	District 1, Council Member Judy Johnson
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Mark Lundgren, Principal Engineer, Plant Engineering, 651-602-1868 Ryan Piner, Principal Engineer, Interceptor Engineering, 651-602-4514
Division/Department:	Environmental Services / Treatment Services / Interceptor Services

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Background

The Facility Plan recommends relocating wastewater service provided by the existing MCES Rogers Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) located in downtown Rogers at 22200 S Diamond Lake Rd, Rogers, MN 55374, to the new Crow River WRRF located about 2 miles west on 141st Ave North. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) purchased this property in 2016 for this purpose.

The MCES 2030 and 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan includes planned addition of the Crow River WRRF to serve the long-term service area, which includes land areas currently in Rogers, Dayton, and Corcoran. The Crow River WRRF will serve long term growth in the northwestern region and offload flow in the existing Elm Creek interceptor, making capacity available for growth in the Metropolitan WRRF service area. New pipelines to Crow River WRRF will allow the region to develop in the most efficient and economical way. The Crow River WRRF will continue to protect the Crow River.

The facility plan includes construction of a new lift station, conveyance system, and treatment facilities. Per the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Rogers and MCES; wastewater flow will be diverted to the new Crow River WRRF by December 2030 and the existing Rogers WWTF will be decommissioned by December 2031; the existing site other than land required for the lift station will be returned to the City of Rogers.

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 outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability by providing more capacity for development and investing in our infrastructure in an efficient manner.

Funding

Preliminary funds for the project's planning, design, and construction are included in the 2024 Capital Program. MCES intends to submit this project to Public Facilities Authority for inclusion in its 2025 Intended Use Plan.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity will establish a goal for the construction project once it is ready for bidding.

