

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee meeting date: April 8, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: April 23, 2025

Business Item: 2025-95

Lift Station and ERS Communication Upgrade- Phase 1, Contract 25P227

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Summary of Environment Committee discussion/questions

- CM Vento: Are any of the products or technologies impacted by tariffs?
- Staff responded: There still a lot of questions that we have in relation to our projects moving forward regarding tariffs. We are trying to factor that in the best we can.
- CM Cederberg asked: When is the estimated kick off for these projects?
- Staff responded: We should start seeing activity for many of these sites in the summer.

Motion by CM Vento, seconded by CM Carter. Motion carried.



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District(s), member(s):	All
Policy/legal reference:	FM 14-2, Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services and Real Estate Policy
Staff prepared/presented:	Gretchen White, Chief Information Officer, Information Services (IS), 651-602-1443 Timothy Wedin, Assistant Manager, Engineering Services (ES), 651-602-4571
Division/department:	Regional Administration/Information Services/Environmental Services

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Background

The IS-Department and Environmental Services are working through the State of Minnesota's MNIT Services division to procure the replacement of 65 T-1 copper circuits that are currently being utilized at wastewater lift stations for control and metering of sewer materials. The copper circuits are obsolete and in need of replacement with newly installed fiber optic connections.

As the final details are being worked out for each of the circuits, the estimated monthly expenditure of \$40,000 over a five-year period is \$2,400,000. It will take more than a year for all of the circuits to be fully installed. The final MNIT service authorizations are being finalized with a five-year term.

Each of the Council's circuits will be recognized under individual service authorizations with MNIT. Information Services requests that the Chief Information Officer be authorized to execute service authorizations for circuit management and installation of new circuits under contract 25P227.

Rationale

The execution of a contract exceeding \$500,000 requires approved by the Council.

Thrive lens analysis

The Council adopted Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the outcome of Stewardship and Sustainability by ensuring reliability, resilience, security, and cost-effectiveness of the Council's computers, servers, and cloud services.

Funding

Funding for Project 805512 is included in the Environmental Service's 8055 family of projects in the 2025 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Small business inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small businesses with this action. The Office and Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) did not evaluate for a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal since this is being procured through MNIT.

