

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: January 22, 2025

Business Item: 2025-26

Ratification of Emergency Declaration of Interceptor 1-SP-234

Proposed Action

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Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

- CM Lindstrom asked: How deep is this area roughly?
- Staff responded: The pipe is approximately 35 to 40 feet deep in this area.
- CM Lindstrom asked: Do they monitor the amount of oxygen for employee safety?
- Staff responded We have ventilation systems and air monitors to ensure adequate airflow and safety in this station.
- CM Wulff asked: Are we going to bill the City of St. Paul since their pipe was a part of the failure?
- Staff responded: We will discuss this with the City of St. Paul.

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



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District(s), Member(s):	District 13, Chai Lee
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Tim Wedin, Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager, 651-602-4571
Division/Department:	Environmental Services

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Background

On December 23, 2024, MCES staff were notified of a collapsed portion of the brick liner in Interceptor 1-SP-234. The collapse occurred in the section of pipe between George Street and Stevens Street in Saint Paul. The collapsed portion is located roughly 40 feet underground, in a portion of the Interceptor that consists of a brick lined sandstone tunnel. The contractor, PCI Roads, was selected to repair of the damaged Interceptor. The work scope includes shoring of the tunnel, and repair of the brick liner. Due to the depth of the interceptor, repairs will be completed by accessing the interceptor through a nearby access point.

Rationale

Work was required immediately to protect public health and to protect existing infrastructure.

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 estimated cost for the emergency work is \$2,500,000. This work will be funded out of the 2024 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.



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EMERGENCY DECLARATION FORM

“A declared public emergency is an emergency situation in which the health, safety or welfare of the public or the safety of Metropolitan Council employees or facilities is compromised or potentially compromised and requires immediate action to correct.”

I REQUEST THAT A PUBLIC EMERGENCY BE DECLARED, BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING:

Describe the nature of the emergency situation.

The brick liner for 1-SP-234, between MH4 and MH5 has failed. Brick has collapsed into the tunnel, which would allow soil material to enter the tunnel.

Explain why this situation is a present, immediate, and existing emergency.

The failure of the brick liner will allow soils to erode into the tunnel. Sufficient loss of soil material could create a sinkhole in the area, impacting homes and other buildings constructed over the tunnel.

Explain how this emergency does or will affect the health, safety, or welfare of the public or the safety of Metropolitan Council employees or facilities.

Any additional soil loss could create a sinkhole in the area of the tunnel, impacting buildings constructed over the tunnel.

Describe the supplies or services which must be acquired to remedy this emergency situation, including the estimated cost.

Contractor familiar with rehabilitation of deep tunnels. Brick or other similar rehabilitation method, as well as stabilization of soils behind the tunnel liner wall.

Estimated Cost: \$2,500,000

Identify how you chose the contractor(s).

Contractor will be chosen because they are mobilized, within close proximity and available to do the work

I hereby certify that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Requestor Signature: Wedin, Timothy 12/23/2024 at 3:04pm

Supervisor Signature: Adam Gordon 12/26/2024 at 11:54am

Division Director/General Manager Signature: Edlund, Craig 12/26/2024 at 12:05pm

Based on the above information, an emergency situation exists within the meaning of the Council Procurement Policy. Carrying out the competitive bidding process and the technical requirements of the Council’s Procurement Policy, and awaiting Council declaration of an emergency and approval for the purchase of materials or supplies or the making of emergency repairs would significantly and unacceptably delay the commencement of repair work on the above-referenced project. The Metropolitan Council, by its Procurement Policy, has delegated authority to the Regional Administrator to declare an emergency on behalf of the Council in such cases. Therefore, I declare on behalf of the Metropolitan Council, that an emergency exists as described above and that the emergency situation requires the immediate purchase of materials or supplies or the making of emergency repairs. I authorize the General Manager/Division Director named above to let appropriate contracts and make payments for the purchase of materials or supplies or the making of repairs necessary to meet the emergency situation without advertising for bids, without meeting other technical requirements of Council Procurement Policy, and without prior approval of the Council. If the costs to correct the emergency situation total \$175,000 or more, I direct that this emergency declaration and any such contracts and/or payments be presented to the Metropolitan Council for formal ratification at its next meeting.

Regional Administrator Signature: Phillip Walljasper 12/26/2024 at 12:28pm