

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee meeting date: September 23, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: October 8, 2025

Business Item: 2025-212

Lift Station L32A Real Estate Property Acquisition and Condemnation

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt resolution 2025-22 authorizing the acquisition and condemnation of real estate property for the New Lift Station L32A, ES Project No. 809400.

Summary of Environment Committee discussion/questions

- CM Jenkins asked: Are we asking permission of the property owner for the use of the property?
- Staff responded: We are working with the property owner to acquire rights to access that location. The easements will provide permission to work in that area.
- CM Cederberg asked: Are you removing some of the trees out and how are you working with the owner for replacement?
- Staff responded: The project will include the removal of some trees in the area. The project will include replanting of some trees and other vegetation in the affected area.

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



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District(s), Member(s):	District 2 (Council Member Reva Chamblis)
Policy/Legal Reference:	Policy FM 9-1, Real Estate Policy; Policy FM 14-2, Expenditures for the Procurements of Goods, Services, and Real Estate; Minn. Stat. §473.504
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Tim Wedin, Assistant Manager, Interceptor Engineering, 651-602-4571
Division/Department:	MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt resolution 2025-22 authorizing the acquisition and condemnation of real estate property for the New Lift Station L32A, ES Project No. 809400.

Background

A Facility Plan was adopted by Met Council and approved by MPCA for the design and construction of a new lift station (L32A) on property owned by the Council in Fridley to replace the existing facility located in Brooklyn Park. The recommended project includes construction of the new lift station, odor control facilities, and features to improve facility resiliency. The project will also include rehabilitation of the forcemain pipe crossing under the river and the abandonment of the existing lift station in Brooklyn Park after the new lift station is in service. For the construction of the project, additional temporary construction easements and new permanent easements will be needed to complete the work.

Rationale

Land acquisition is necessary for the implementation of this project. This action delegates authority to staff to acquire property for the project and to use the condemnation process if necessary to ensure timely project delivery.

Thrive Lens Analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. This action advances the Thrive outcome of prosperity, investing in infrastructure needed for orderly and economic development of suburban communities.

Funding

Project 809400 is included in the 8090 family of projects in the 2025 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

There is no direct impact to small businesses with this action.



METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONDEMNATION OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR METROPOLITAN COUNCIL PROJECT NO. 809400.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Council Project No. 809400 (the “Project”) requires the acquisition of real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Metropolitan Council adopt resolution 2025-22 authorizing the acquisition and condemnation of real estate property for the New Lift Station L32A, ES Project No. 809400;
2. THAT the Project is a valid public project with a valid public purpose;
3. THAT the real property needed for the Project will be more particularly identified in the Project Plans or on the Project Work Map (the “Property”);
4. THAT the Property is necessary for the Project and must be obtained before the filing of an award by the court-appointed commissioners;
5. THAT, in the judgment of the Metropolitan Council, the acquisition of the Property will further the public health, safety and welfare, and will be undertaken in accordance with Minnesota Statutes and the Real Property Acquisition Policy of the Metropolitan Council;
6. THAT, under Minnesota Statutes Section 473.504, the Metropolitan Council has the authority to acquire the Property by condemnation, and that the Council directs its attorneys to acquire the Property by condemnation if the Property cannot be acquired by direct negotiation; and
7. THAT, under Minnesota Statutes Section 473.504, the Metropolitan Council has the authority to acquire the Property by condemnation, and that the Council directs its attorneys to acquire the Property by condemnation if the Property cannot be acquired by direct negotiation; and
8. THAT the condemnation of the Property will be done in accordance with the procedures authorized under Minnesota Statutes Chapters 473 and 117.

Adopted this _____ day of, _____ 2025.

Charles A. Zelle, Chair

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