

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee meeting date: September 23, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: October 8, 2025

Business Item: 2025-213

Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Facility Plan for the Interceptor 8253-327 Forcemain Improvements Phase 2

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to be held in December 2025 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Interceptor 8253-327 Forcemain Improvements, Phase 2, ES Project No. 802806.

Summary of Environment Committee discussion/questions

- CM Carter asked: How far back does the history of high flows go in this area?
- Staff responded: I can't answer that question specifically. But, generally, with water conservation, base flows have been dropping; while, with the trend toward more heavy rainfall, the peak flows are becoming higher. However, this project is not driven by capacity issues.
- CM Wulff asked: Is the public hearing going to be held nearby the project?
- Staff responded: It will be in the neighborhood of the project. The exact location hasn't been set yet.

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

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District(s), Member(s): District 3, Dr. Tyronne Carter and District 4, Deb Barber
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Rule 7077.0272, subpart 3
Staff Prepared/Presented: Dan Fick, Principal Engineer, Interceptor Engineering, 651-602-1061
Division/Department: Environmental Services/Capital Programs

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Background

Interceptor 8253-327 was constructed in 1988. This facility is a 3-mile-long 30-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) forcemain. The system also includes a 700-foot-long 24-inch forcemain that functions as a limited-capacity backup. In 2021 and 2024, condition assessments identified sections of this interceptor as being in poor condition and in need of rehabilitation. In 2024 the final 2,000-foot section of the 30-inch DIP pipe was replaced. The proposed project will construct a new, fully redundant, 30-inch forcemain, rehabilitate the existing 30-inch interceptor 8253-327, and decommission the 24-inch pipe, within the communities of Shorewood, Victoria, and Chanhassen.

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 outcome of stewardship and the Thrive principle of collaboration. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore wastewater infrastructure, which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

Project 802806 is included in the 8028 family of projects in the 2025 ES Authorized Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

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