MCES East Meters Odor Control Project
Public Open House Summary

Public Meeting Overview
An informational public meeting was held for the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) East Meters Odor Control Project on October 25, 2016. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an update to businesses and residents on the East Meters Odor Control Project, including the proposed project design, current project renderings, potential construction impacts and how to stay informed during construction, as well as to receive comments from the public and answer questions.

The public meeting was held from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Pratt Elementary School located at 66 Malcolm Avenue SE in Minneapolis. The event was an open house format with one formal presentations at 7 p.m., along with visual displays, project handouts and opportunities to provide comments and speak with project staff.

A total of 1 person within the nearby neighborhood attended the public meeting. Staff from MCES, Brown and Caldwell, Zan Associates and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board answered questions and took comments.

Public Meeting Promotion
The public meeting was advertised through the following methods:

- Flyer mailed to 499 residential and business properties within the surrounding neighborhood
- Meeting announcement and project information posted on the MCES project website at www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/eastmetersproject.
- Prior meetings with Prospect Park Planning and Zoning Committee and Desnoyer Neighborhood Association

Public Comments
Although there were no written comments, Project staff heard the following verbal comments and questions:

- Will St Anthony ever be closed? No, we do not anticipate closing St Anthony Avenue.
- Why are you doing this project here, when there are odors at Otis Avenue? A project site analysis was done to provide a location where the facilities could be installed to treat odors upstream and downstream of Otis Avenue while taking into consideration site availability, operational requirements, constructability and overall traffic impacts.
- Will odors in my area be worse from this project? No, the odors should not be worse in your area.
- Where are the complaints coming from? The complaints are coming from various areas along East River Parkway and Mississippi Road Boulevard.
- Can odors travel through cracks? Yes, odors can travel and escape through cracks. They also can travel through City sewer systems.
• Will there be more than one of these facilities built? Yes, the exact location of a future facility is to be determined. Once the East Meters Odor Control facility is in operation, further testing will be conducted to evaluate the impacts of the new facility.

• Has this proven to be an effective technology? Yes, we have proven results that the odor control facility reduces odors from the sanitary sewer system.

• Will people be able to run or walk over the hatches above the odor control facility? Yes, the hatches will be flush with the ground and will be rated for vehicle traffic.

• Will tree roots near the facility cause a problem? We will not be planting trees above the facility, but we anticipate planting shrubs/bushes that will have a smaller root system.

• Will you be replanting trees that will be removed? The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board will be evaluating and replacing trees back at the project site or at different Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board locations. Project team members worked very hard at reducing the number of trees being removed.