Hopkins Lift Station and Sewer Improvements Project

Construction continues through summer 2019

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro-area wastewater collection and treatment system, is constructing a new sanitary sewer lift station at 402 Hiawatha Ave. (between Hiawatha Ave. and Lake St.) in Hopkins and additional sewer improvements along Lake St. between Oakes Park and Texas Ave.

**Project timeline**

- Work on the lift station started in summer 2016 and is expected to be completed in fall 2019.
- Work on Lake St. between Blake Rd. and the lift station started in spring 2019 and will be completed in August 2019.
- Site restoration and building exterior will be completed by early fall 2019.
What is a lift station?

- This lift station will pump wastewater from the local sanitary sewer system into the MCES regional sanitary sewer system. A series of regional sewers then conveys the wastewater to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant in St. Paul.
- The building also will include communications equipment to monitor pumping equipment, and backup power to maintain reliable, uninterrupted operation.
- The majority of the building and the pumping equipment will be underground.

What are the benefits?

- The new lift station and other sanitary sewer improvements will significantly improve long-term system reliability, protecting property and the adjacent natural resources.
- The lift station will replace an existing, aging facility at Blake Rd. N. and Lake St. N.E.
- A portion of Lake St. will be reconstructed during installation of a new regional sewer and local sanitary sewers, as well as construction of new storm sewers to redirect storm water to the proposed storm water treatment system at the Cold Storage site at Blake Rd. N. and Lake St. N.E.

What will it look like?

- From the street level, the lift station will look like a one-story building about the size of a moderate-sized single-family home.
- The exterior will be finished in materials selected to blend in with the natural setting.
- The site will be landscaped with trees and plantings appropriate for its natural setting.