



## MCES Lake Minnetonka Facility Plan Open Houses

### Questions and Answers

October 6, 2020 and October 8, 2020

**Question 1: Do you have any plans for improvement on L21? You may not realize, as a neighboring property, we never are able to enjoy a quiet time in our new house. When all is silent like late evening and early morning, there is a constant hum that we hear from L21. The sound is similar to a large semi-truck sitting out front idling its engine. When you make improvements on L21, will you use the latest soundproofing technologies for the electric pumps to make noise from the pumps quieter for the neighboring properties?**

**Answer 1:** We are aware that there is a constant noise coming from the lift station. We think it may be the odor control equipment. We suck the odorous air out of the rooms within the lift station that have sewage in them. Then we put that air through odor control equipment so we do not emit any odors into the neighborhood air. Due to the size of this station, there is a fairly good-sized fan used to perform this function. During the design phase of this project, our designers will look into the noise and try to adjust it. It could be vibrations or something in the odor control equipment that is out of adjustment. We will try to get this quieted down so we are not being a noisy neighbor.

**Question 2: Do you know where specifically the new permanent line will go between Ridgewood Rd and the LRT Trail? We live on Wyndhill Circle which is shown just East of where the North/South line is shown. Will the line run up our road? Will the trail be closed? We are planning to replace Wyndhill Circle (private drive) next spring.**

**Answer 2:** We do not know specifically where within roadways our pipes will go. The intent for the new pipe is to be within Ridgewood Road. This will require the street to be dug up and closed for a period of time. The temporary wastewater conveyance pipe will most likely not require a trail closure, but the new gravity pipe will need to connect to the pipe currently in the trail corridor. There may be a small, short-term closure or a detour of traffic around any connection that we have to make. The existing pipe runs in the backyards of properties on Wyndhill Circle. The new pipe will most likely be located in the same location. More specifics will be provided once the design phase of this project is complete.

**Question 3: I am concerned about how this may impact the rain water runoff project from Lake Mary to Studer Pond.**

**Answer 3:** This is in reference to the City of Shorewood's stormwater management project. Nothing MCES is doing in these projects will be affecting this stormwater management effort. The overflow that they are building crosses over a MCES pipe. We will be working with the city separately from these facility plan projects to either modify or improve our maintenance hole in that area so our infrastructure is compatible with that runoff project.

**Question 4: I have a question regarding lift station L-49. What is the proposed height of this going to be? How much larger is it going to be than the existing lift station?**

**Answer 4:** This project is still in early design, so not a lot of decisions have been made. There will be a new small building on the site of L-49, so there will be a little more of an above-the-ground presence. The new building will not be a large industrial building.