MEI Rehabilitation

Project overview

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro-area wastewater collection and treatment system, will be rehabilitating their Minneapolis East Interceptor (MEI) system at six sites in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. All six sites are located on the east side of the Mississippi River between Lowry Avenue N and the Lake Street Bridge.

The MEI system consists of two parallel pipes connected by six control gates. The gates help control and direct sewer flow through the system. The system is aged and requires rehabilitation to manage flow and to minimize the risk of spills and other environmental impacts. Rehabilitating these structures includes:

- Removing and replacing the hydraulic control gates
- Removing and replacing vault hatches
- Improving ventilation, ladders, and other items for worker safety
- Repairing deteriorated concrete
- Replacing sanitary sewer pipe and improving odor control at selected sites

Schedule

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| 2021 | Summer 2021  
Project began |
| 2022 | Spring 2024  
Construction ends |
| 2023 | Summer 2024  
Final restoration |

What to expect during construction

- Temporary road, trail, bike lane, and sidewalk closures (varies by location)
- Temporary parking impacts (varies by location)
- Noise, dust, and odors generated in and around the work area

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