Project Overview

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro-area wastewater collection and treatment system, is planning to make improvements to the regional sanitary sewer system in the cities of Oak Park Heights and Bayport (see map on right). Work is anticipated to begin in mid-March 2021 with construction completed in fall 2021.

This work will include installing a temporary above-ground wastewater conveyance system around the work site, replacing 300 feet of sanitary sewer pipe, replacing three maintenance access structures, constructing one new maintenance access structure, and rehabilitating the existing meter structure.

What is a temporary conveyance system?

Above-ground temporary wastewater conveyance pipes will be installed to ensure that there are no disruptions to sewer service while crews rehabilitate the regional sanitary sewer system along Highway 95. These pipes will convey sewer flow around the work site during construction.

Some temporary conveyance pipes may be buried under driveways or roadways to maintain access/minimize disruption. Property owners will be notified in advance if this is necessary. Diesel pumps with noise dampening equipment (low noise) will run 24-hours a day, seven days a week as part of the temporary wastewater conveyance system.
How will the project impact me?

Minimal traffic control is needed, but this work will require a temporary closure of the St. Croix Trail. Once the trail is closed, trail users should follow the posted detour route using Pickett Avenue N and 5th Avenue N (see map on right).

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