

E Environment Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 13, 2010

Item: 2009-456

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: December 9, 2009

Subject: City of Little Canada Reconveyance Determinations

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a reconveyance agreement with the City of Little Canada, and makes the following determinations pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 473.5111 related to reconveyance of the following facilities in the City of Little Canada:

LC-420 and portions of Interceptors LC-421 and VH-422 are no longer needed to implement the Council's Comprehensive Plan for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage in the metropolitan area. These facilities are of benefit for use by the City of Little Canada and are in good operating condition.

L-10 is no longer needed by the Metropolitan Council, but is of benefit to the City of Little Canada and will be replaced prior to transfer.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Chair Leppik asked about the cost to the Council of bringing facilities into good operating condition. Staff responded that repairs to LC-420, LC-421 and VH-422 are estimated at \$500,000; L-10 replacement estimate is \$1.5 million.

(After the meeting, staff checked on the costs, and reports that the replacement of the L-10 lift station is approximately \$330,000, and the cost to repair the interceptors is approximately \$850,000.)

Council Member Bowles asked how the determination is made that a facility is no longer needed in the regional sanitary sewer system. Staff explained that the definition of an interceptor facility is one that wholly serves 1,000 acres, and these facilities no longer qualify under that definition.

In response to a question from Council Member Wittsack, staff informed the committee that facilities are conveyed at no cost to the communities.

Discussion followed regarding the rules, laws and process for reconveying facilities to communities.

If facilities are not reconveyed to the communities, the Council must operate and maintain them. The Council cannot be abandoned pipes that are of use to a community.

Council Member Peterson likened it to when a county or the state conveys a road to a community. The community wants it brought up to standards before it will accept the road. After reconveyance, the city is responsible for maintenance and repairs. Council Member Wulff agreed with Peterson, that in the long run the Council saves money.

Motion to approve proposed action was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

E Environment Committee **Meeting date: December 8, 2009**

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Date:	November 30, 2009
Subject:	City of Little Canada Reconveyance Determinations
District(s), Member(s):	11 – Georgeanne Hilker
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota State Statute 473.5111
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Moeller 651-602-4504
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore 651-602-1162

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Background

Council staff periodically identifies interceptors that are no longer needed as metropolitan facilities. However, most of such facilities continue to be of benefit as local sanitary sewers. Minnesota Statutes provide a method that the Council may utilize in order to sell, transfer, abandon, or otherwise disposal of interceptors determined no longer necessary for the metropolitan disposal system.

Rationale

Staff has determined that Lift Station L-10, LC-420 and portions of Interceptors LC-421 and VH-422 are no longer needed as metropolitan facilities. Council and city staff have agreed that the facilities are of benefit to the City of Little Canada, and will facilitate their transfer through a reconveyance agreement in accordance with MN State Statute 473.511.

Funding

Funding is provided in the MCES operating budget to perform agreed upon repair or replacement prior to transfer to the local government unit.

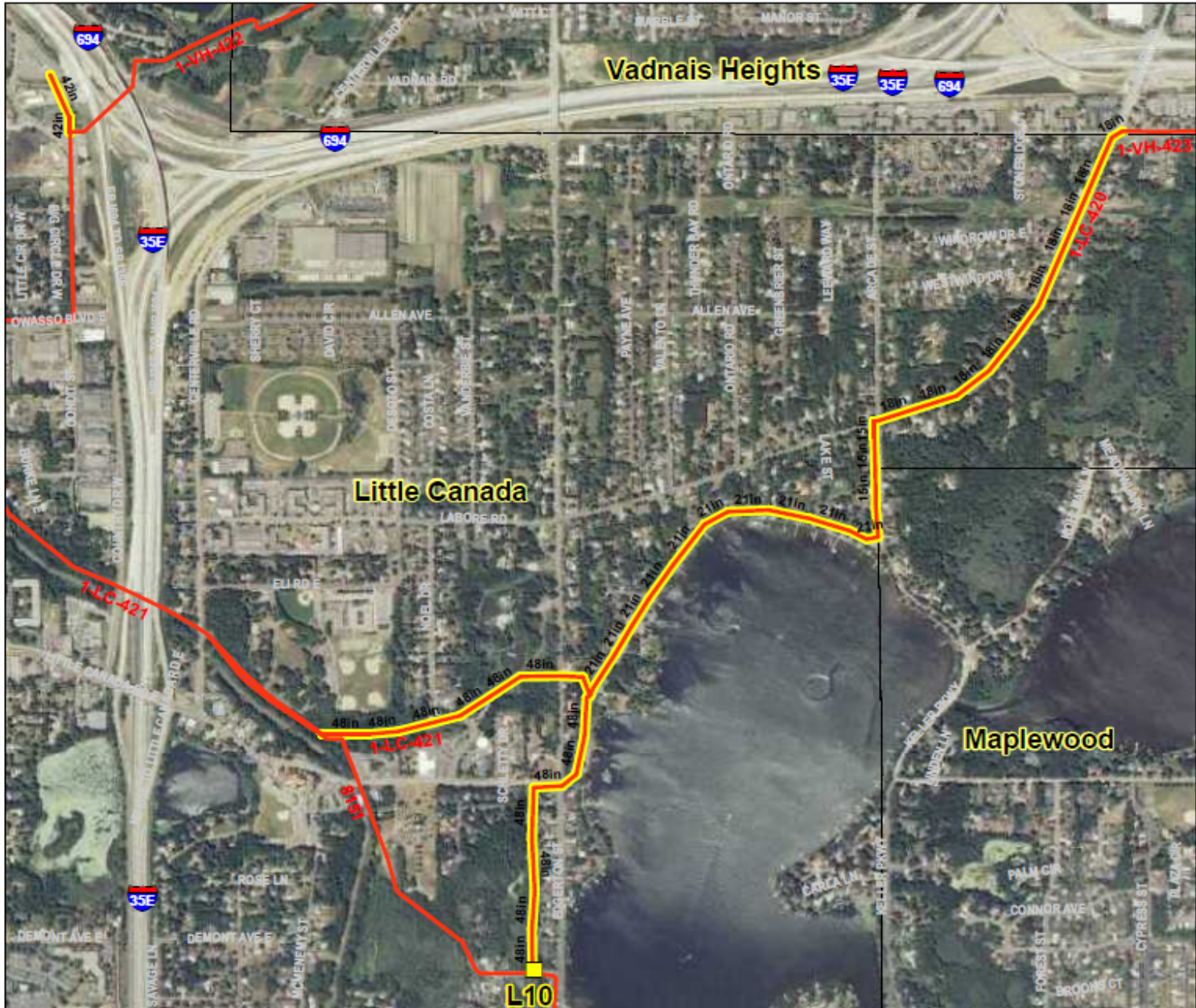
Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

LITTLE CANADA INTERCEPTOR SYSTEM FACILITIES TO BE RECONVEYED

Legend

-  Little Canada Reconveyance
-  MCES Gravity Interceptors
-  L10 System Reconveyance
-  City & Township Boundaries



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Map Date: 10.02.09
2008 Aerial Photos