

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: February 27, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 14, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	February 15, 2007
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for Interceptor 1-MN-320 Improvements
District(s), Member(s):	District 7, Annette Meeks
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.504
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Moeller, Assistant General Manager – Interceptor Services, 651-602-4504
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore, 651-602-1162

Proposed Action/Motion

Authorize staff to negotiate and execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for necessary interceptor rehabilitation of 1-MN-320 in the vicinity of the proposed Twins Stadium and Northstar Commuter Rail Station.

Issue(s)

- Completion of the interceptor improvements prior to stadium and rail station construction in the immediate area will eliminate concurrent construction activity by multiple contractors.
- Completion of the proposed interceptor improvements will greatly reduce the risk of operating the interceptor beneath a new multi-million dollar stadium and rail facilities.

Overview and Funding

The Metropolitan Council currently owns and operates a 120-year old 7’-6” by 7’-6” foot interceptor that currently traverses the proposed Twins Stadium site along 5th Street. MCES, Hennepin County, and Northstar Commuter Rail staff have determined that the interceptor improvements should be implemented prior to stadium and rail construction. The City of Minneapolis has deep sanitary sewer construction capabilities and is willing to perform the work.

Authorization to negotiate with the City of Minneapolis to construct the interceptor improvements will save the region money, reduce disruption to the region and accelerate the completion of the interceptor rehabilitation work.

BUDGET INFORMATION					
Annual or Capital	Year Project Approved	Estimated Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Amount Requested
Capital	2007	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,000,000