

# E Environment Committee

Meeting date: May 12, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting on May 27, 2009

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** May 5, 2009  
**Subject:** Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Land Acquisition, Design, and Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Maple Grove for South Corcoran Extension of the Elm Creek Interceptor Improvements Project 900440

**District(s), Member(s):** District No. 1 – Roger Scherer

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes 473.504; Council Policy 3-3

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Land Acquisition, Design, and Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Maple Grove for South Corcoran Extension of the Elm Creek Interceptor Improvements Project 900440.

### Background

In February 2000 the City of Corcoran passed Resolution 2000-10 requesting 0.6 million gallons per day of average daily flow capacity be provided to the Southeast District of Corcoran. In November 2002 Metropolitan Council approved and adopted the Facility Plan Update for the Elm Creek Interceptor that formally planned for this 0.6 MGD wastewater capacity for Southeast Corcoran, as well as approximately 3.0 MGD for Northeast Corcoran. This action is consistent with the approved Comprehensive Plan for Corcoran. There is currently no centralized sewer collection system in these areas of Corcoran.

### Rationale

This project will substantially complete the interceptor pipe connection to Southeast Corcoran in a cost-efficient, shared construction project with the City of Maple Grove (City). The interceptor alignment follows a new right-of-way for County State-Aid Highway 10 (Bass Lake Road). Use of the public right-of-way avoids the Council pursuing a potentially risky eminent domain corridor acquisition across private land. Combining construction with the City project is efficient because both parties need pipeline utilities constructed in this right-of-way on a similar schedule. A wastewater pump station will be constructed later in coordination with Corcoran’s Southeast District trunk sewer improvements.

The Council’s facility, in this case, is a small element in the overall road and utility improvement planned by Maple Grove. It is therefore proposed that the City function as the construction contract administrator and the Council reimburse the City for certain land acquisition, design, construction and administration costs. The purpose of the Agreement is to confirm the scope of work and estimated payments by the Council to the City to complete the work in a technically feasible and cost effective manner that will benefit all parties. The estimated cost of these services provided by the City to the Council is \$750,000.

### Funding

Project No.	Year	Estimated Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Amount Requested
900440	2009	\$2,900,000	\$3,988,000	\$3,560,000	\$750,000

### Known Support / Opposition

The Council project directly affects about a half dozen property owners. All are well aware of the City’s road construction project and nearly all have been involved with the City on related land or easement acquisition issues, which have been successfully negotiated to date. Neighboring residential homeowners will be pleased that the Council construction is occurring far from their dwellings and integrated with the City project.