

**E** Environment Committee  
**Meeting date: November 10, 2009**

<b>ADVISORY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	November 3, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for Hopkins System Improvements, MCES Project No. 804100
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 3, Robert McFarlin, 952-346-6268 District 6, Peggy Leppik, 763-546-3328
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	PFA Loan Requirement
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Scott Dentz 651-602-4503
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**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the General Manager of MCES to hold a public hearing for the Hopkins System Improvements Draft Facility Plan, MCES Project No. 804100.

**Background**

The existing L27 lift station and 7026 forcemain servicing Hopkins and parts of St. Louis Park and Minneapolis have reached the end of their service life and must be replaced and to provide needed future capacity. A planning study assessed existing facilities and flows, developed flow projections, identified and evaluated alternatives, and recommended an alternative to implement. The preferred alternative is to reconstruct the lift station adjacent to the existing site in Hopkins and construct a new forcemain system paralleling the existing pipeline through Hopkins and St. Louis Park.

Beginning in 2010, two previously damaged sections of forcemain will be replaced to assure continued reliability. In addition a forcemain segment adjacent to the Highway 7/Wooddale Avenue intersection will be replaced to permit construction of a new grade separated interchange constructed by St. Louis Park.

**Rationale**

A public hearing is required for a draft facility plan prior to its adoption by the Metropolitan Council as a condition for obtaining project financing through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority.

**Funding**

Cost estimates are consistent with the CIP. Design funds are included in the 2009 Authorized Capital Program. Construction funds are included in the 2010 Authorized Capital Program.

**Known Support / Opposition**

The cities of Hopkins and St. Louis Park support the needed improvements.