

E Environment Committee
Meeting date: October 12, 2010

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 27, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 4, 2010
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Corcoran for Improvements to the SE Corcoran Extension of Elm Creek Interceptor Project 900440
District(s), Member(s):	District #1, Roger Scherer
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.504
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Corcoran for improvements to the SE Corcoran Extension of Elm Creek Interceptor, Project 900440.

Background

The SE Corcoran Extension of Elm Creek Interceptor will be completed in 2010 to within 700 feet of the eastern border of City of Corcoran at Bass Lake Rd (CSAH 10). That half-mile of 15-inch gravity sewer was constructed for the Council by City of Maple Grove under Construction Cooperation Agreement 09I016 as part of a road improvement. The 15-inch pipe was intentionally terminated 700-feet short of the Corcoran border because the city had not yet designed its trunk sewer system connection. Stopping short of the border avoided paying for easements that may have gone unused.

Corcoran is now planning a trunk sewer project to serve part of its Southeast District, with construction commencing in 2011. This agreement would initially provide funding only for completing the 700-foot interceptor connection. Depending on the final design and phasing of Corcoran's trunk sewer project, an amendment may be requested in the future for Council funding of a lift station, as currently budgeted under Project 900420.

Rationale

Designing and constructing a short segment of interceptor sewer as part of a larger trunk sewer project is more cost effective than MCES completing a small project independently. Putting the responsibility in Corcoran's hands assures them that the connection will be available and will meet their project's timing. Inter-governmental agreements exceeding \$250,000 in value require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2010 MCES Capital Budget, Project Number 900440.

BUDGET INFORMATION					
Annual or Capital	Project No.	Estimated Project Cost	Current Auth.	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	900440	\$700,000	\$3,988,000	\$3,083,000	\$700,000

Known Support / Opposition

The City is supportive of the project and there is no known opposition.