

Meeting date: December 11, 2012

For the Council Meeting of December 19, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 29, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Cooperative Agreement with the City of Saint Louis Park for Inclusion of Hopkins Force Main Improvements in the City Highway 7 and Louisiana Avenue Interchange Project
District(s), Member(s):	District #6, James Brimeyer
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 Cooperation Agreement with the City of St. Louis Park for inclusion of Hopkins System Improvements in the City Highway 7 and Louisiana Avenue Interchange Project.

Background

All Hopkins wastewater is pumped through a force main that receives flow from the MCES L-27 pump station in Hopkins and four other municipal pump stations in St. Louis Park and Minneapolis. The L-27 pump station and associated force main are commonly referred to as the Hopkins System, and a 2010 Facility Plan proposes upgrades consisting of replacement of the pump station at L-27 and rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of the existing force main system. Two construction contracts for force main replacement in Minneapolis are underway. The City of Saint Louis Park completed the new section of force main at Highway 7 and Wooddale for MCES by a similar cooperation agreement.

The City of St. Louis Park has scheduled the reconstruction of the intersection of Highway 7 and Louisiana Avenue beginning in April 2013. Work will involve soil correction which directly impacts the existing Hopkins force main. MCES has acquired the services of SEH, Inc. to design 700 feet of replacement force main through the Louisiana Avenue interchange project area.

Rationale

A separate Metropolitan Council contract to replace the force main within the city's construction limits presents schedule risk to the City for the proposed spring 2012 start of the proposed highway work. In addition, the soil correction activities present coordination issues between multiple contractors. Given the staging and schedule requirements of the city, the replacement force main would be better completed by the city's contractor. A cooperative agreement will define cost sharing as well as design and construction responsibilities and permit force main replacement work to occur as part of the city's highway improvement project. Cooperative agreements with costs exceeding \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Adequate funding for the construction is provided in the 2013 MCES Capital program. The force main work has an estimated cost of \$2,000,000.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.