

E Environment Committee

Item: 2011-313

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: November 28, 2011

Subject: Adoption of the Facility Plan for Minneapolis Interceptor Improvements Project,
MCES Project No. 809040, Resolution No. 2011-32

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Minneapolis Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 809040, per the attached Resolution No. 2011-32.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Council Member Melander asked if the capacity of 1-MN-42 will be maintained or increased. Staff said the capacity of a small portion of the interceptor will be increased where flow projections indicate more capacity is needed; downstream of this section, the interceptor's capacity will not be increased because flow projections indicate the downstream portion is adequate.

The public comment period ended November 12. Since the November 18 Environment Committee meeting, an additional comment related to the 1-MN-341 work was submitted by a resident requesting that MCES find another route for the project. Staff responded to the resident, clarifying the nature and likely duration of the work. Staff will continue to follow up with this resident and other residents, business owners, and community members as the project develops.

Motion to approve proposed action was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.



Environment Committee

Meeting Date: November 8, 2011

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 1, 2011
Subject:	Adoption of the Facility Plan for Minneapolis Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 809040, Resolution No. 2011-32
District(s), Member(s):	District 6, James Brimeyer 952-797-0730; District 7, Gary L. Cunningham 612-978-8200
Policy/Legal Reference:	PFA Loan Requirement
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Deborah Manning 651-602-1114; Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore 651-602-1162

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Minneapolis Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 809040, per the attached Resolution No. 2011-32.

Background

The facility plan addresses interceptor and maintenance hole rehabilitation in Minneapolis. Rehabilitation will improve the integrity of MCES' facilities; minimize overflows that could pose a threat to the environment, other community assets, public safety, and health; reduce infiltration and inflow; and improve system reliability. The recommended alternatives are:

- Line all or parts of interceptors: 1-MN-311, 312, 313, 314, 330, 341, 343, 343A
- Replace all of interceptor: 1-MN-342
- Rehabilitate maintenance holes: as needed in the above project areas and in a number of other locations throughout Minneapolis.

Public hearings were held on November 1 and 2. Comments to date primarily have been from local residents or business owners concerned about access to homes and businesses during construction. No significant project opposition has arisen. The public comment period ends November 12, 2011. MCES will continue to address comments obtained during the comment period. If significant opposition or other unforeseen issues arise, staff will bring the facility plan back to Council for additional consideration.

Rationale

Public Facilities Authority (PFA) loan funding eligibility requires formal adoption of the Facility Plan by resolution (attached), following a public hearing on the draft Facility Plan.

Funding

Project cost estimates are consistent with the Capital Program. Preliminary funds for planning and design are included in the 2011 Capital Program. Construction authorization and funding are requested in the proposed 2012 Capital Program. MCES will submit this project to PFA for inclusion in its 2013 Intended Use Plan.

Known Support/Opposition

City of Minneapolis staff has indicated support for rehabilitation of these interceptor facilities. MCES staff is not aware of opposition to the project.

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RESOLUTION No. 2011 - 32

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING
THE FACILITY PLAN FOR THE
MINNEAPOLIS INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION PROJECT
PROJECT NO. 809040

WHEREAS:

1. The Metropolitan Council is a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota and has statutory responsibility for operating the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area regional wastewater collection and treatment system, and
2. The Metropolitan Council has determined it is necessary and convenient for the fulfillment of its statutory responsibilities to rehabilitate interceptors and maintenance holes in the City of Minneapolis, Project Number 809040, and
3. A draft Facility Plan for the project has been completed and public hearings were held on November 1 and 2, 2011 to discuss the proposed project and the draft Facility Plan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL that the Facility Plan for the Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation Project, MCES Project No. 809040, is hereby approved and adopted.

Adopted this 14th day of December, 2011

Susan Haigh, Chair

Susan Harder, Recording Secretary