

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: January 9, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 24, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	January 2, 2007
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with Hennepin County for Interceptor 1-MN-320 Improvements
District(s), Member(s):	District 7, Annette Meeks
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.504
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bryce Pickart , Assistant General Manager – Technical Services, 651-602-1091
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore, 602-1162

Proposed Action/Motion

Authorize staff to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreements with Hennepin County and Northstar Commuter Rail for the inclusion of interceptor improvements in the construction contracts for the Twins Ball Park and the rail facilities.

Issue(s)

- Inclusion of the recommended interceptor improvements will allow concurrent construction with the stadium and rail projects, minimize disruption to the community, and provide the necessary improvements at a lower cost to the region.
- Completion of the proposed interceptor improvements will greatly reduce the risk of operating the interceptor beneath a new multi-million dollar stadium and rail facilities.

Overview and Funding

The Metropolitan Council currently owns and operates an 80-year old 8’-6” by 6’-0” foot interceptor that currently traverses the proposed Twins Stadium site along 5th Street. MCES, Hennepin County, and Northstar Commuter Rail staff has determined that the interceptor improvements should be implemented prior to stadium and rail construction. Hennepin County is currently preparing construction drawings for the ball park site preparation and utility relocations and this may provide an opportunity to construct the interceptor improvements at lower cost and in advance of the main Twins Stadium construction phase. Northstar Commuter Rail is likewise preparing construction drawings for the rail improvements.

Authorization to negotiate with Hennepin County and Northstar Commuter Rail to include the interceptor improvements in the stadium construction and rail projects will save the region money, reduce disruption to the region and accelerate the completion of the interceptor rehabilitation work.

Budget Info

Annual or Capital	Year Project Approved	Estimated Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Amount Requested
Capital	2007	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$1,770,000	\$1,000,000