

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: August 12, 2008

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 27, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 25, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Cooperative Agreement, including Acquisition of Easement Rights, with Canadian Pacific Railway relating to the Railway Crossing over Battle Creek Siphon 1-SP-200
District(s), Member(s):	District No. 13 – Richard Aguilar
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.504; Council Policy 3-3
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Proposed Action

The Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Agreement, including acquisition of necessary easement rights, with the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP Rail) for proposed railroad bridge construction over the Battle Creek Siphon (1-SP-200) interceptor facilities.

Background

CP Rail is constructing new rail bridge facilities where the siphon alignment crosses the rail right-of-way. 1-SP-200 crosses the railroad right-of-way by license. The license terms requires that the Council relocate and remove its facilities upon receipt of 60 day notice from the railroad. In lieu of interceptor relocation CP Rail is agreeable to modification of the bridge design to allow the siphon facilities to remain in their present location. The anticipated terms of the agreement will include:

- The protection of the siphon facilities during construction
- A permanent easement for the siphon facilities
- Continuous access for maintenance and operation of the siphon facilities during and after construction
- Council payment of the incremental cost for the bridge modifications required to accommodate the siphon. This cost is presently estimated at \$800,000.
- Council will pay reasonable costs for the permanent easement rights.

Rationale

Cooperative agreements and property rights acquisition requires Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2008 MCES Capital Budget, Project Number 809000

Annual or Capital	Project No.	Estimated Project Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	809000	\$1,050,000	\$14,000,000	\$5,872,500	\$860,000

Known Support / Opposition

Supported by CP Rail; no known opposition.