

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, Craig Peterson, Roger Scherer,
Lynette Wittsack, Daniel Wolter

Committee Members Absent / Polly Bowles
Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Beach, to approve the agenda and the minutes of the July 22, 2008 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2008-204 City of Long Lake 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20279-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Beach, that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Long Lake's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2008-222 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract 07P156B for Full Service Interceptor Architectural / Engineering Services

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Peterson, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute MCES Contract No. 07P156B with HDR, Inc., for full service interceptor architectural / engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$1 million.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2008-223 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

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Beach that 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.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

INFORMATION

Proposed 2009-2018 Capital Program and the 2009 Capital Budget

Bryce Pickart, MCES Assistant General Manager, Technical Services, provided an overview of the process for identifying capital project needs, and reviewed new projects, adjustments to existing projects and estimated costs. The proposed authorized capital program in 2009 is \$1,139,000; the proposed 2009 capital budget is \$159.3 million. The Unified Capital Improvement Program and Unified Capital Budget will be presented to the Council on September 28, 2008.

Compliance

William Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, reported that as of August 1, all of the wastewater treatment plants achieved 18 consecutive months of complete compliance with permits.

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Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

Moore informed the committee that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency plans to issue draft phosphorus and sediment TMDL for Lake Pepin in November for public comment. If the limit is reduced, it will result in increased capital program costs for the Council to comply.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary