

E Environment Committee
Meeting date: December 9, 2008

For Metropolitan Council Meeting on January 14, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	December 2, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Land Acquisition, Design, and Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Richfield for Edina/Richfield Interceptor Improvements Project 805400
District(s), Member(s):	District No. 5 – Polly Bowles
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 Land Acquisition, Design, and Construction Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) with the City of Richfield (City) for Edina/Richfield Interceptor Improvements Project 805400.

Background

The capacity of interceptor 1-RF-491 serving portions of Edina and Richfield will be exceeded in the future. The projected increase in flow is primarily due to a higher density redevelopment trend along the I-494 corridor in Edina and Richfield. As described in the Concept Plan, it was determined that a new relief interceptor should be installed to off-load interceptor 1-RF-491 to accommodate the projected increase in flow.

This project will address reliability, redundancy, and capacity in existing gravity interceptors within the Edina/Richfield service area by installing a new relief sewer to off-load interceptor 1-RF-491. Approximately 21,000 lineal feet of new gravity interceptor ranging from 36 to 42 inches in diameter will be installed. The new relief interceptor will be routed east from meter M129 on Xerxes Avenue, along 75th Street to I-35W, cross I-35W at 76th Street, continue east along 76th Street, north along 11th Avenue, and northeast along Diagonal Boulevard to Cedar Avenue where it will terminate at a new junction box connection at interceptor 3-BN-497.

Rationale

The project will pass through well-developed sections of Richfield affecting many residents and businesses. Project tasks such as easement acquisition, public information, and traffic control planning can be effectively supported by City staff using existing relationships with residents and businesses. The City requested that the Council design and construct streetscaping as part of the project rather than restoring the streets in kind. The purpose of the Agreement is to confirm the scope of work and estimated payments for the Council and City to complete the work in a technically feasible and cost effective manner that will benefit all parties. The estimated cost difference between the services the City and Council will provide to each other is \$25,000.

Funding

Annual or Capital	Project Number	Estimated Project Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	805400	\$22,000,000	\$23,000,000	\$16,500,000	\$25,000

Known Support / Opposition

The City and majority of residents and businesses have been very supportive of the project to date because of the plan to provide streetscaping and undergrounding of utilities.