

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: March 10, 2009

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 25, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 5, 2009
Subject: March Unified Capital Program Amendment
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: 2009 - 2014 Capital Improvement Program
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2009 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by transferring \$3,800,000 in authority from the MWWTP Electrical Cable Replacement, Project #8064 and \$12,200,000 in authority from the MWWTP Solids – Odor Control, Centrifuge, and Sludge Storage, Project No. 8061 to the MWWTP Rehabilitation & Facilities Improvements, Project #8059.

Background

The proposed action transfers work and funding authority out of two Metropolitan Plant projects into the MWWTP Rehabilitation & Facilities Improvements project. The work being transferred is for projects that have not entered the construction phase. In consolidating these projects the Council is positioning the MCES capital projects to take maximum advantage of Public Facility Authority (PFA) loans.

Rationale

As originally proposed, the work being transferred from these projects was to be funded by general obligation bonds. This was due to a variety of reasons, such as timing, low priority on the State project priority list, and availability of PFA loan money. However, with the potential of the federal economic stimulus package it makes sense to pursue PFA funding for this work and include it in the PFA eligible project.

Funding

This proposed amendment reallocates existing funds between projects with no net change in authority. This is in recognition of the opportunity presented by the proposed federal economic stimulus package.

Project	Current Authorization	Proposed Change	Amended Authorization	Change to 2009 Capital Budget	Change to Multi-Year Authorization
8059, Metro Plant Rehabilitation and facilities Improvements	\$22,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$38,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$16,000,000
8061, Metro Plant Solids – Odor Control, Centrifuge, and Sludge Storage	\$22,000,000	(\$12,200,000)	\$9,800,000	(\$12,200,000)	(\$12,200,000)
8064, Metro Plant Electrical Cable Replacement	\$5,500,000	(\$3,800,000)	\$1,700,000	(\$3,800,000)	(\$3,800,000)
Total – Projects with Proposed Changes	\$49,500,000	\$0	\$49,500,000	\$0	\$0

Summary of Proposed Changes to Authorized Capital Program (Multi-Year Authorization)

Program Area	Adopted	Prior Amendments	Amended Thru January	Proposed Amendments	Proposed Amended
Environmental Services	\$1,139,000,000	\$-0-	\$1,139,000,000	\$0	\$1,139,000,000

Summary of Proposed Changes to 2009 Capital Budget

Program Area	Adopted	Prior Amendments	Amended Thru January	Proposed Amendments	Proposed Amended
Environmental Services	\$159,272,000	\$-0-	\$159,272,000	\$0	\$159,272,000

Summary of Proposed Changes to the 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program

Program Area	Adopted	Prior Amendments	Amended Thru January	Proposed Amendments	Proposed Amended
Environmental Services	\$892,815,154	\$-0-	\$892,815,154	\$0	\$892,815,154

Known Support / Opposition

None known