

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: January 24, 2012

For the Metropolitan Council meeting on February 8, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	January 18, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with the City of Hopkins for Relocation of the L27 Lift Station
District(s), Member(s):	District #3, Jennifer Munt
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.504, 471.59, 473.129
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Proposed Action

The Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Hopkins for the acquisition and development of property within Oakes Park for the use as a new lift station site.

Background

The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services is replacing the Hopkins lift station (L27) and replacing/rehabilitating the force main through the communities of Hopkins, St. Louis Park, and Minneapolis as part of the Hopkins System Improvements. The Metropolitan Council approved the Facility Plan for the Hopkins System Improvements by Resolution 2010-03 on February 24, 2010, with the condition that MCES continue to work with the City to identify an acceptable lift station site.

The city and MCES staff have tentatively agreed on the following proposal, which requires execution of an intergovernmental agreement: (1) the lift station will be located on approximately one-half acre of land that currently is part of Oakes Park, which is along Lake Street approximately 800 feet west of the current lift station site; and (2) MCES will compensate the City for acquisition of this site by acquiring a comparable value property along Blake Road and transferring ownership to the City, which will allow the City to incorporate that parcel into their planned expansion/improvement of adjacent Collegeville Park. In addition to addressing these land transactions, the agreement will address temporary use of a portion of the park during lift station construction, relocation of MCES and city utilities as necessary, reconstruction of Lake Street in the area, and other related matters.

Rationale

Intergovernmental agreements with value exceeding \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Funding is provided in the MCES Capital Program, Project No. 804100.

Known Support / Opposition

None. City of Hopkins supports this proposal.