

E Environment Committee
Meeting date: February 28, 2012

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 14, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	February 23, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Independent School District No. 276 – Minnetonka for the construction of a part of MCES Project No. 802850.
District(s), Member(s):	Jennifer Munt
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.504 Subd. 6 and 471.59
Staff Prepared/Presented:	William (Bill) Cook, 651-602-1811
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore 651-602-1162

Proposed Action

The Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement, between the Council and Independent School District No. 276 - Minnetonka, for the Construction of interceptor facilities.

Background

As part of the planned 2013 construction of a parallel force main through the City of Excelsior, the MCES has been working with the School District to route that force main through school district property. The School District project schedule would have required the MCES to remove and reconstruct newly installed pavement to accomplish its force main project.

The School District recently offered to include the construction of the force main on its property as part of their construction project which they plan to start in June 2012. This offer would accelerate the construction of a segment of our force main project and would reduce the amount of disruption to the school district and the community. The reduced disruption is of significant value to the city, the Council and the school district.

Rationale

Cooperative agreements exceeding \$250,000 require Metropolitan council authorization. This agreement, when completed will exceed that amount. Placing the MCES pipe in the City's project will reduce disruption, and provide the best solution for all parties.

Funding

Funding for the design of this project is provided in the 2012 Authorized Capital Program.

Annual or Capital	Project No.	Estimated Project Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	802850	\$37,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$515,000	\$350,000

Known Support / Opposition

The school district staff and the City of Excelsior staff support this item.