



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: July 7, 2009

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize the proper City officials to enter into a memorandum of understanding agreement with the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services that clarifies both agencies positions related to combined sewer overflow efforts.

Previous Directives:

- July 11, 2008: Approve the plan as an update to the City's Comprehensive Plan for submittal to the Metropolitan Council for review

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Approved by:

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	NA	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	NA	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	NA	Date

Financial Impact

No Financial Impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained, people will feel safe in the city.

Comprehensive Plan: The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth goal statement for public facilities and services reads: "*Through sound management and strategic investments, Minneapolis will maintain and develop public services and facilities that promote health, safety and an enhanced quality of life for all members of this growing community.*" The policy within the comprehensive plan directly related to this is: "Policy 5.4: Enhance the safety, appearance, and effectiveness of the city's infrastructure." with the implementation step being to Plan for and provide public facilities which anticipate

growth needs, use fiscal resources efficiently, and meet realistic timelines. The City's Sewer Plan is described as being one the means of implementing the goals and policies in the Implementation Chapter of the comprehensive plan.
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Council approved City of Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan was submitted to the Metropolitan Council for review and approval. The Metropolitan Council notified the City that prior to approval of the City's submitted plan that an issue with consistency in language between the City's Sewer Plan and the Regional System Statement for Wastewater needed to be resolved prior to their approval of the Plan. The issue was a difference between the schedule for addressing combined sewer overflow and inflow and infiltration issues. The city's sewer plan references a 2017 date while the regional system statement references 2012. After several meetings it has been determine that the best way to address this issue is through a Memorandum of Understanding between the parties that acknowledges Met Council's inflow and infiltration policy goals but does not reference a specific date for compliance.

Therefore, Public Works is requesting authorization for the proper City officials to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding that clarifies both agencies positions combined sewer overflow efforts. This agreement will allow the comprehensive plan to proceed with the final approvals.

Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding

C: Mayor R.T. Rybak
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