



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

Date: July 29, 2008

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

Subject: **Memorandum of Agreement with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for Future Siting of Sediment Control Measures**

Recommendation:

a) Authorize and direct the proper city officials to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for the identification of a future project for siting a sediment control measure in lieu of measures for CSO Projects 010, 038, 053 and 110.

Previous Directives:

None

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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 (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: Preserve and enhance our environmental, economic and social realms to promote a sustainable Minneapolis.

Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe City.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The City is constructing CSO projects 010, 038, 053 and 110. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) requires a permit for such activity, and requires measures to prevent an increased sediment discharge to surface waters. Of these four projects, three drain to the 35W tunnel and thence to the Mississippi River, and the fourth CSO project drains to a water quality pond. City and MCWD staff agreed that including the required sediment control measure(s) in a future project that discharges to Minnehaha Creek, rather than in all four CSO projects (none of which discharge to Minnehaha Creek) would mitigate the effects of the CSO projects, would have greater environmental benefit for Minnehaha Creek, would be more cost effective, and would expedite the CSO projects aimed at reducing the potential for combined sewer overflows to the Mississippi River. The Memorandum of Agreement will identify possible future projects for siting the sediment control measure(s), and will outline the City's and the MCWD's responsibilities.