



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

Date: November 10, 2008
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Metropolitan Council Joint Use Agreement – Portland & Washington Tunnel Access Shaft**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize the proper City officials to enter into agreement with the Metropolitan Council to modify and jointly use an existing tunnel access shaft on Portland & Washington Avenues South.

Previous Directives:

December 12, 2007: Resolution 2007R-645, adopting of the 2008-12 Five Year Capital Program (SW011 Storm Drains & Tunnels Rehab Program).

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

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Metropolitan Council owns and operates a vertical access shaft within the right of way of Portland and Washington Avenues South. The structure is part of Metropolitan Council's Sanitary Sewer Interceptor System, (1-MN-310). The City owns and operates a storm drain tunnel that is located near the described Metropolitan Council infrastructure. The Public Works Department has a planned capital improvement project for the storm drain tunnel that will require initial use of a vertical access shaft for construction and thereafter a permanent vertical access point for tunnel operation and maintenance.

The Public Works Department recommends entering into a Joint Use Agreement with the Metropolitan Council which will negate the need to construct a separate access shaft for the tunnel improvement project. The Joint Use Agreement allows the Public Works Department to modify the Metropolitan Council's access shaft to meet the tunnel improvement project's needs and grants permanent access use for operation and maintenance of the City's storm drain tunnel. The modification costs will be paid out of the tunnel improvement project budget. There are no direct fees attached to granting of the permanent access to the Metropolitan Shaft except for routine maintenance responsibility by the City to keep the structure in good repair. The Metropolitan Council will continue to own the access shaft and provide for its long term replacement/ rehabilitation costs.

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