

Request for Board Action Details

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Pipeline Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council in Long Lake Regional Park

Recommendation

1. Approve a Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for access to Long Lake Regional Park for the completion of a sanitary improvement project.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to extend the term of the access agreement in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Background and Rationale

The Metropolitan Council (Met Council) operates an existing underground sanitary sewer utility that currently runs through a section of Long Lake Regional Park. The Met Council has a need to undertake a public improvement project (MCES Project No. 808862), for rehabilitation of Interceptors (2-NB-100 and 8451) in the park for the purposes of maintaining existing infrastructure and protecting public health and the environment.

The project includes the installation and operation of temporary conveyance systems (pumps and piping), followed by replacement or rehabilitation of manhole structures and interceptor sewers, and site restoration. Access to the Met Council manhole locations in the park will require utilization of the Parks boat launch parking lot and surrounding areas, construction of temporary access roads and creek crossings. The Right of Entry Agreement enables the required rehabilitation work to be completed on county property, provides access locations, and establishes construction requirements for the sanitary sewer project. Construction staging for equipment and materials will be located within a portion of the existing Long Lake boat launch parking lot. The Met Council will notify Parks and Recreation, 72 hours prior to the start of construction. The Met Council will be responsible for restoration of impacted areas including hard surface bituminous and concrete pavement areas, turf, natural areas, and park related site amenities within the project area. Temporary conveyance piping will be placed within the project limits and removed at no cost to the county.

The Met Council has prepared project plans, specifications, and necessary agreements in coordination with Parks and Recreation, and the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. The Met Council is planning to complete project improvements October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. After all sanitary sewer construction activities are completed, the Met Council agrees to restore the impacted park property to as near original condition as is reasonably possible at no cost to the county.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☐ Well-being ☐ Prosperity ☒ Opportunity ☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This is a project led by the Met Council requiring access to county property; however, this project will have a regional impact in addition to supporting an area that has a racial and ethnic makeup of approximately 22.8% within New Brighton and surrounding areas. By providing improved service delivery for businesses and residents that connect to this sanitary sewer utility, the project supports investments in the infrastructure of regional park systems that benefit all residents. This investment in a quickly diversifying area will support the long-term wellbeing of communities of color and contribute to greater racial equity goals.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There was no county related community participation related to the Right of Entry Agreement. This is a Met Council led project regarding sanitary sewer utility improvements. Prior to the start of the project, the Met Council will add this project to their sanitary sewer construction project list to notify residents of the community of project activities at: <https://metro council.org/wastewater-water/projects/sewer-planning-construction.aspx>.

☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

The Met Council is completing all aspects of this project at no cost to the county.

County Manager Comments

No additional comments.

Last Previous Action

On May 26, 2020, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved a Permanent Easement Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for sanitary sewer utility improvements at the Battle Creek Regional Park to complete a sanitary sewer improvement project (Resolution B2020-109).

Attachments

1. Right of Entry Agreement with Metropolitan Council
2. Exhibits A, B and C