Business Item

Environment Committee

Committee meeting date: May 12, 2026 **For the Metropolitan Council:** May 27, 2026

Business Item: 2026-94

Orono Interceptor 7113 Improvements, Contract 25P335

District(s), member(s):	District 3, Tyronne Carter
Policy/legal reference:	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P335 with Meyer Contracting Inc. for the construction of the Orono Interceptor 7113 Improvements in an amount not to exceed $25,657,165.46.

Background

Project drivers include the renewal of aging infrastructure, operational flexibility, and operational efficiency. The 7113 forcemain was built in 1979 and serves Lift Station L59. Due to age, pipe condition, and volume of existing flow, a redundant forcemain is needed. Project improvements include a full-length fully redundant forcemain, interconnect structures, and new meters for both forcemains.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on February 27, 2026. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were 59 plan holders consisting of 16 prime bidders; 41 suppliers, subcontractors, consultants; and two plan rooms, and six plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on April 14, 2026, and three bids were received that ranged from $25,657,165.46 to $26,590,716.20. Staff recommend award to Meyer Contracting Inc, as the low, responsive and responsible bidder.

Rationale

The execution of a construction contract exceeding $10,000,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive lens analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the outcome of stewardship and the principle of collaboration. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore wastewater infrastructure, which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

This project will be Public Facilities Authority funded through the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund as administrated by the MPCA.

Small business inclusion

Due to the requirements of the Interim Final Rule issued by the USDOT on October 3, 2025, no DBE goal was assigned to this project.