

Committee Report

Environment Committee



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Committee meeting date: February 10, 2026

For the Metropolitan Council: February 25, 2026
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Business Item: 2026-36

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Motion by CM Carter seconded by CM Wulff. Motion carried.



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District(s), member(s):	District 13, Chai Lee
Policy/legal reference:	FM14-2-Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff prepared/presented:	Tim Wedin, Assistant Manager Interceptor Engineering, 651-602-4571
Division/department:	Environmental Services

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Background

The Council owns a sanitary interceptor sewer within Robert Street between Sidney Street E. and Annapolis Street E. in the city of St. Paul. MnDOT is planning to reconstruct this section between 2027 – 2029. The State's project will also include BRT improvements for the Metro Transit G Line project, system improvements for St. Paul Regional Water Services and St. Paul Sewers, and replacement of privately owned drinking water services and sanitary services.

The interceptor in this corridor generally consists of 138-year-old brick pipe and structures, and 50+ private services connected along the affected alignment. In order to ensure long-term reliability, Council staff are recommending the brick infrastructure be replaced at a deeper elevation with sustainable corrosion resistant materials, and for a new local sanitary sewer to be constructed parallel to the Council's interceptor.

The proposed project agreement establishes the terms and conditions agreed to by both parties to replace the interceptor within the state-led construction contract.

Rationale

Council policy requires interagency agreements with expenditures valued at greater than \$2,000,000 to be approved by Council.

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, the action advances the Thrive outcomes of stewardship, prosperity, and sustainability and the Thrive principles of integration and collaboration.

Funding

This project will be funded through local funding. Funding has been identified within the 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

Small business inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small business contracting with the proposed action. MnDOT will be owner of the construction project so their small business program requirements will apply as applicable.

