Committee Report

Environment Committee

Committee meeting date: October 27, 2026 **For the Metropolitan Council:** November 18, 2026

Business Item: 2026-191

Interceptor 1-MN-346 Rehabilitation–Phase 2, Contract 26P083

Proposed action

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Summary of Environment Committee discussion/questions

The presentation covered the proposed award of a $22.23 million contract to Minger Construction Companies, Inc. to replace a sagged interceptor segment in Minneapolis that restricts wastewater flow and address related sewer capacity issues. Four bids were received, with Minger identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The project will restore regional wastewater capacity and improve system reliability, supporting the Council's stewardship and sustainability goals.

Motion by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Jenkins. Motion carried.

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District(s), Member(s):	District 6, Robert Lilligren
Policy/legal Reference:	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Jeff Schwarz, Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Manager, 651-325-6378
Division/Department:	Environmental Services/Interceptor Engineering

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Background

Interceptor 1-MN-346 conveys wastewater from Edina, Richfield, and Minneapolis. A segment of interceptor in Minneapolis north of Bossen Field has sagged and restricted wastewater flow. The sagged segment needs to be removed and replaced to restore regional capacity. Residential connections to the interceptor need to be rerouted to a new city trunk sewer to resolve historic sewershed drainage issues. An existing city lift station needs to be upsized to accommodate additional flows from the new trunk sewer.

A formal Invitation for Bids was advertised on September 8, 2026. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff on September 23, 2026 that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were 44 plan holders consisting of 6 prime bidders, 37 subcontractors, suppliers, consultants; and 1 plan room. Seven plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on October 8, 2026, and four bids were received. The bids ranged from $22,226,315.00 to $29,986,3754.80. Minger Construction Companies Inc. was determined to be the low, responsive, responsible bidder and is recommended for award.

Rationale

Council Policy requires contracts for the procurement of goods and services in excess of $10,000,000 be approved by the Council.

Thrive lens analysis

The proposed action advances the Thrive Outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability. Public financial resources will be responsibly invested to support orderly and economic development while maintaining the regional wastewater system assets, which protect the region's natural resources.

Funding

2024 MCES Authorized Capital Program, Project 809207.

Small business inclusion

The Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs (OCRSB) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 8.0% for this solicitation. OCRSB determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the MCUB requirements of this contract.