

Business Item

Environment Committee



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Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for the 1-MH-401 River Crossing, Project Number 809526

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Policy/legal reference:	MN Rule 7077.0272, subpart 3
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Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the 1-MH-401 River Crossing, Project Number 809526.

Background

A public hearing is required for a draft facility plan prior to its adoption by the Metropolitan Council as a condition for obtaining project financing through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority.

Rationale

The existing river crossing is heavily corroded and is in critical need of replacement. The 1-MH-401 siphon system has sufficient capacity to convey current wastewater flows. However, the river crossing lacks redundancy, cannot be cleaned or inspected and has insufficient capacity to convey future flows. For these reasons, Met Council proposes to replace the siphon barrels crossing the Mississippi River.

Thrive lens analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship and the Thrive 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

Project 809526 is included in the 8095 family of projects in the 2026 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Small business inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small business contracting with the proposed action.