

Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee meeting date: September 22, 2026

For the Metropolitan Council: October 14, 2026

Business Item: 2026-177

Forest Lake 7029 Rehabilitation, Contract 25P345

District(s), member(s):	District 11, Gail Cederberg
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 25P345 with SAK Construction for the construction of the Forest Lake 7029 Rehabilitation in an amount not to exceed \$13,765,683.

Background

The 7029 Interceptor was built in the early 1970s and serves the Cities of Forest Lake and Columbus Township. Due to pipe age and deteriorated condition, pipe rehabilitation is needed. Project improvements include: Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation of 12,000 feet of 36-inch Interceptor; rehabilitation of 23 manholes; replacement of 66 feet of 36-inch FRP; reconstruction of six manholes.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on May 28, 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 thirty-five plan holders consisting of eight prime bidders; twenty-four suppliers, subcontractors, consultants; three plan rooms, and six plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on July 16, 2026, and four bids were received. Bids ranged from \$13,329,779.50 to \$14,985,121.50. SAK Construction is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award.

Rationale

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

Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 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.