

CONSTRUCTION WORK NOTICE – January 26, 2012

Hopkins-St. Louis Park-Minneapolis Regional Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project

Upcoming Construction Work for Replacement Sanitary Sewer Crossing Minnehaha Creek in Hopkins

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the regional wastewater collection and treatment system, is constructing new regional sanitary sewer facilities in Hopkins. Construction of a new sanitary sewer crossing under Minnehaha Creek east of the intersection of Blake Road and Lake Street is expected to start the first week of February. Some preparatory work on this 300-foot segment of sanitary sewer has already begun, including construction material delivery, tree work, and dewatering well installation.

Construction of the Minnehaha Creek sewer crossing is expected to occur through the month of February. The disruption will occur primarily at the Lake Street Bridge over Minnehaha Creek. One lane of traffic will remain open around the construction site. Vehicles will be stopped in both directions on Lake Street and will be required to take turns proceeding. Final restoration of the site will occur later in the spring as weather permits.

Construction of the Minnehaha Creek sewer crossing clears the way for Cottageville Park reconstruction. MCES prefers to construct creek crossings during low water flows that are typical during winter, and doing the work now also will benefit the City of Hopkins and its residents. The City of Hopkins and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District are planning improvements to Cottageville Park, which will be able to proceed upon completion of the sewer work.

The MCES sewer construction is part of a much larger project to construct a new pumping station in Hopkins and a new sanitary sewer force main in Hopkins, St. Louis Park, and Minneapolis. The Hopkins segment of the new sewer is planned to run along Lake Street, from Tyler Avenue on the west to Texas Avenue on the east. This segment of sewer will connect to the new sewer that will cross Minnehaha Creek. Construction of the new pumping station and the rest of the new sewer in Hopkins is expected to occur over the next few years.

MCES staff are available to review this project with you and answer your questions in person or by phone or e-mail. Please feel free to contact **Tim O'Donnell at 651-602-1269 or tim.odonnell@metc.state.mn.us**.