

**Metropolitan Council Environmental Services
Public Information Open House
Victoria Interceptor Sewer Tunnels Project**

**Victoria City Hall
7951 Rose St.
Victoria, Minnesota**

**Thursday, September 3, 2009
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will hold a public information open house to discuss the upcoming construction of the Victoria Interceptor Sewer Tunnels Project. The construction will upgrade and add capacity to MCES's regional sanitary sewer facilities that serve Victoria and seven neighboring communities.

The public information open house is scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, at Victoria City Hall. MCES staff will make a brief formal presentation on the project at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. During the remainder of the open house, staff will meet informally with citizens to review maps of the construction areas, discuss details of the project and answer individual questions.

This public information open house is a citywide informational meeting. Additional neighborhood-specific informational meetings will be held one month before work begins in each of four neighborhoods: South Lake Virginia Shores Park Neighborhood, Rolling Acres Road Neighborhood, Highway 7 Neighborhood, Smithtown Road Neighborhood.

The construction will involve digging deep tunnels and installing 72-inch-diameter gravity-flow sewer pipes, excavating approximately 13 shafts for access to the tunnels, and building a structure to join the pipes and provide odor control. The construction will be carried out in several segments beginning in September and scheduled for completion in fall 2012. MCES's construction general contractor for this project is Lametti & Sons Inc.

(over)

Page 2 – Public Information Open House: Victoria Interceptor Sewer Tunnels Project

The main staging area for the construction will be South Lake Virginia Shores Park. Three tunnel segments will emanate from an access shaft to be excavated in the park:

- **Rolling Acres Road Tunnel:** The tunnel will go to the south under Highway 7 and under the west side of Rolling Acres Road, ending at the MCES pumping station on the southeast corner of Schutz Lake (west of the intersection of Rolling Acres Road and Saint Moritz). Work on the tunnel and the access shafts is scheduled for fall 2009 through spring 2011.
- **Highway 7 Tunnel:** The tunnel will go to the northwest under the north side of Highway 7, ending at the MCES pumping station near the intersection of Highway 7 and Baycliffe Drive. Work on the access shafts may begin this year and continue during 2010, and work on the tunnel is scheduled for spring 2011 through spring 2012.
- **Smithtown Road Tunnel:** The tunnel will go to the northeast under Smithtown Road. It will end at Smithtown Terrace, where the pipe will connect to a new MCES pipe that was constructed in 2008. The tunneling and access shaft work is scheduled for spring 2012.

The project also will include demolition of the pumping stations after the new sewer pipes are put into service. The odor control and pipe junction structure will be located in South Lake Virginia Shores Park. MCES will provide funds to the City of Victoria to restore and improve the park before it re-opens in 2013.

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend this public information open house and offer their questions and comments. Prior to and after the meeting, questions can be directed to MCES staff:

- **Tom Buchal**, Construction Contract Administrator
651-602-4026 (office), 651-325-6369 (cell), or thomas.buchal@metc.state.mn.us
- **Tim O'Donnell**, Project Citizen Liaison
651-602-1269 (office), 952-451-4689 (cell), tim.odonnell@metc.state.mn.us

Upon request, MCES will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities for this public information open house. Please contact Mr. O'Donnell prior to August 27, 2009.