

## **MCES Richfield Area Regional Sewer Improvements Project Public Meeting Summary: December 2015**

### **Public Meeting Overview**

An informational public meeting was held for the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Richfield Area Regional Sewer Improvements Project on December 2, 2015. The purpose of this meeting was to provide information on the work location and improvements, work method and schedule, and potential impacts and mitigation efforts, as well as to hear comments from the public and answer questions.

The public meeting was held from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Richfield City Hall, located at 6700 Portland Avenue, Richfield. The meeting began as an open house format with visual displays, followed by two presentation and question-and-answer sessions at 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Attendees had the ability to provide verbal or written comments and speak with project staff.

Approximately 70 people attended the public meeting. Staff from MCES, Zan Associates, City of Richfield, and Hennepin County and HR Green answered questions and took comments.

### **Public Meeting Promotion**

The public meeting was advertised through the following methods:

- Flyer mailed to approximately 5,532 properties
- Flyer posted on the MCES project website
- Information posted on the City of Richfield Sweet Streets website
- Notice posted on eight signs installed throughout the project area
- Flyers hand-distributed to all businesses, organizations, and schools in project area, and around the Penn Avenue intersection
- Notice posted in Sun Current newspaper (by the City of Richfield)

### **Public Comments**

No written comments were submitted; however, project staff heard the following verbal comments and questions:

- Will there be any driveway access disruptions on 66<sup>th</sup> Street?
  - *Response: Potential driveway access disruptions will mainly occur on Columbus Avenue and Humboldt Avenue.*
- How long will the utility disruptions last?
  - *Response: During the initial sewer cleaning, utilities will not be disrupted. During the lining work is when water use will be disrupted for residents on 66<sup>th</sup> Street. The exact timeframe will depend on the pipe size at that location (it takes longer for the lining to expand within a larger pipe diameter) but in general it will likely be between one and three days.*
- Why is MCES applying for a noise variance?
  - *Response: There will be pumps that need to continuously run. The noise will be minimized to the extent possible.*

- Will large properties—schools, businesses, apartment complexes—be without water for several days?
  - *Response: No, the contractor will set up a separate service to keep such locations from being disrupted.*
- How does dye testing work for apartment complexes? Do you need to access each individual unit?
  - *Response: Typically individual units feed into one main pipe within the building that connects to the sewer force main, so only one pipe needs to have the dye testing, not all individual unit pipes.*
- Will properties that are a block away from 66<sup>th</sup> Street have their utilities impacted?
  - *Response: No.*
- Will you be progressing from manhole to manhole to do the lining?
  - *Response: It depends; in general usually between about 700-1200 feet of pipe can be lined from one location. It will be a case-by-case basis at each location.*
- How long will the life of the new lined pipe be?
  - *It's estimated to last for 50 or more years. MCES has been using this trenchless lining technology for approximately 15 years; to date there have been no issues with pipes that have been lined in this manner.*



*MCES staff presentation and question-and-answer session*