



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

MEMO

Date: June 10, 2014
From: Laura Jester, Administrator
To: BCWMC Commissioners
RE: **Timeline and Status of 2016 CIP Projects**

Bryn Mawr Meadows Water Quality Improvement Site, Minneapolis (CIP BC-5)

This project was recommended in the Bassett Creek Main Stem Watershed Management Plan (2000) and was to consist of constructing a new stormwater BMP in Bryn Mawr Park. Before developing a work scope for a feasibility study for the project, the Commission Engineer met on-site with City of Minneapolis staff and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) staff to discuss potential options. Based on that site visit, the Commission Engineer's review of stormwater and watershed information, and subsequent discussions, the City of Minneapolis decided not to pursue a project at this location at this time due to issues with current site constraints including no good location for the project that would not interfere with park use, minimal treatment that could be provided in the available space, and the upcoming MPRB master planning process for the park. The City of Minneapolis requests that the project not be implemented in 2016, hence no feasibility study will be required at this time. However, the City would like to defer the project to a later year because the MPRB master plan's rearrangement of park features will include identification of areas where untreated stormwater runoff can be addressed. Once identified, the city hopes to bring a new project idea to the TAC for consideration to be added to the Commission's 2017 – 2021 CIP. It is likely that the project cost will be higher than the \$160,000 slated for the original project.

Honeywell Pond Expansion, Douglas Drive and Duluth Street, Golden Valley (CIP BC-4)

This project was identified in the Bassett Creek Main Stem Watershed Management Plan (2000) and was planned to coincide with the city's reconstruction of Douglas Drive. The project includes storm water quantity and water quality improvements that will maximize the rate control and water quality benefits provided by the existing ponding area. The project will remove an estimated 36 pounds of phosphorus per year from this area which is tributary to Bassett Creek.

Golden Valley is requesting that the Douglas Drive reconstruction project and this project be bid and constructed together. The Douglas Drive reconstruction project is a county/federal project being designed by WSB which will be bid in February 2016. The design plans must be completed by June 1, 2015 – well ahead of the normal timeframe for a 2016 CIP project. Therefore, the city is requesting an accelerated CIP timeline for this project (see the table on next page). In order to adhere to this schedule, a Major Plan Amendment would need to be ordered this fall.

Table 1. Proposed accelerated timeline compared to normal timeline

Normal BCWMC timeline		Action	Accelerated Timeline		
April	2014	Approve CIP	April		2014
May	2014	Authorize Feasibility report	June	19th	2014
December	2014	Review draft Feas report/Start Major Plan Amendment Process	September	18th	2014
		Commission approves response to comments on Plan Amend	November	20th	2014
March	2015	Pub Hearing - Plan amendment/ Approve feasibility study	December	18th	2014
September	2015	Adopt plan amend/ order project/set max levy	January	15th	2015
Jan-June	2016	Design plans	March-May		2015
July	2016	City Council approval	December		2015
August-Sept	2016	Advertise for bids	February		2016
October	2016	City council award contract	March		2016
November-Dec	2016	Construction	Summer-Fall		2016

Northwood Lake Improvement Projects (CIP NL-1)

At the May 15, 2014 meeting, the Commission approved an agreement with the city of New Hope for their consultant, Stantec, to develop a feasibility study for this project. City staff and Stantec have indicated they could have a draft feasibility study ready for the September Commission meeting in order to align with the accelerated timeline above through the Plan Amendment Process. Hence, both projects would be combined into one Plan Amendment process.

Recommendation: In order to most efficiently bid, design and construct the Honeywell Pond Expansion Project (BC-4) to coincide with road construction in the area, staff recommends the Commission approve the accelerated timeline noted in Table 1 for the 2016 CIP projects in Golden Valley (BC-4) and New Hope (NL-1).