

## Memorandum

To: Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC)

**From:** Barr Engineering Co.

Subject: Bassett Creek 2018 Flood Control Project Inspection

**Date:** December 12, 2018 **Project:** 23/27-0051.42 2018 4065

In accordance to the Operation and Maintenance Manual for the Bassett Creek Flood Control Project (FCP), an annual inspection is required to review the condition of the FCP features. The FCP was turned over to the local sponsor during 2002. Therefore, inspection of the FCP features was initialized during the fall of 2002, which was the first formal inspection by the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC). Except as noted, the annual inspections have been performed from 2002-2018. Inspections were not performed during 2003, 2011, and 2013 due to BCWMC budget considerations. Some of the municipalities have performed independent inspections of several of the FCP structures. The municipalities are responsible for routine maintenance and repair of the BCWMC FCP features located within their city. The municipalities are also responsible for submitting the completed FCP Maintenance Record from the previous year's inspection. It is important that the BCWMC receive these records, as the inspection and reporting are essential to ensure the BCWMC maintains its eligibility to receive federal funds to repair or replace FCP features in the event of a catastrophe.

The municipalities may request reimbursement from the BCWMC for maintenance and repairs that exceed \$25,000. However, the municipalities must perform regular, routine maintenance and submit the required reporting before requesting and receiving BCWMC reimbursement. This will help prevent the situation wherein the BCWMC pays for maintenance work over \$25,000 because the municipalities neglected routine maintenance for several years. The BCWMC expects the municipalities to inform the Commission in advance (e.g., two years) of their request for reimbursement.

The BCWMC will consider adding maintenance and repair projects that are more than \$100,000 to the BCWMC CIP.

Table 1 (at the end of this memo) provides examples of maintenance and repairs that are major or could be major.

In addition, the cities (or other road authority) where the FCP features are located are responsible for maintenance, repair and replacement of road crossings, and their corresponding conveyance structures, that were installed as part of the FCP.

Following are the 2018 inspection comments and recommendations:

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## **Plymouth Features**

Inspection Date: October 25, 2018

Inspection Personnel: Patrick Brockamp and Josh Phillips (Barr)

## 1. Plymouth Creek Fish Barrier (Constructed 1987)

- a. The structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. The water level at the staff gage was at 0.20 feet and the depth of water flowing over the weir was 0.10 feet at the time of the inspection.
- c. Sediment has accumulated in the pool upstream of the structure and formed a delta, which was overgrown with vegetation. The deposited sediment was generally creating meander in the creek toward the east (left) bank. Deposited sediment has been noted since 2005 and appears to be increasing.
- d. The railings at the upstream end of the structure, on the east (left) and west (right) sides, have rusted off below the water level. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2015.
- e. The abutment walls have expansion joints in the middle, just upstream of the weir. The west (right) expansion joint gap was first measured in 2002 at 7/8 inches for comparison with future inspections. The west (right) expansion joint gap was measured at 7/8 inches this year.
- f. Three cracks were observed on the downstream west (right) wing wall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2004.
- g. Seven diagonal cracks were observed on the downstream east (left) wing wall. Three of the cracks are very prominent. Observation of the three prominent cracks is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002. The other four cracks are minor and less noticable.
- h. A tree was observed growing adjacent to the downstream east (left) wing wall and through the railing.
- i. Small trees and shrubs were observed growing on the embankment and downstream channel banks.

#### Recommended Action:

Remove accumulated sediment from the upstream pool. (Note: In 2010, the City of Plymouth submitted an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for a channel improvements project. The MPCA informed the City of Plymouth that the Clean Water Act expressly prohibits the use of creeks, streams, lakes, and wetlands from being used as a pollution treatment system except in the extreme situations, therefore dredging of the sediment upstream of the fish barrier, in order to continue to utilize the area upstream of the fish barrier as a sedimentation pond, was prohibited by the MPCA

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and not permitted. It is recommended that the City of Plymouth coordinate with the MPCA to discuss viable alternatives to remove the sediment since the project intent was not as a sediment basin but as a fish barrier.)

- Repair railings on the upstream side of the structure.
- Remove trees and vegetation on embankment and channel banks. Chemically treat stumps with Garlon 3A herbicide (or other specialty herbicide for use in wetland sites and waterways) to prevent regrowth.
- Monitor concrete cracks and the width of the expansion joints.

## 2. Medicine Lake Outlet Structure (Constructed 1996)

- a. The channel between the Medicine Lake and the outlet structure was clear of debris and flowing full.
- b. The outlet structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- c. The water level at the staff gage was at 1.05 feet and the depth of water flowing over the structure was 0.67 feet.
- d. The east (left) bank contained a large dead or dying tree adjacent to the private chain link fence and upstream of the outlet structure. In previous inspections, the tree appeared to be leaning away from the channel, exposing soil and roots, and a risk to fall and leave a void in the channel bank. However, this year it appeared that the tree had been trimmed and was less of a threat to fall and leave a void in the channel bank.

#### Recommended Action:

• Monitor dead or dying tree along the upstream east (left) bank. Consider coordinating with landowner to remove tree and stabilize channel bank.

## **Golden Valley Features**

Inspection Date: October 25, 2018

Inspection Personnel: Patrick Brockamp and Josh Phillips (Barr), Drew Chirpich (Golden Valley)

## 1. Wisconsin Avenue Control Structure (Constructed 1987)

- a. The concrete culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. The water level at the staff gage was at 881.0 feet both upstream and downstream of the culvert.
- c. The flood gate was approximately 4 inches above the down position at the time of the inspection and appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- d. Deposited sediment was observed in the bottom of the culvert, ranging from 0-2 inches deep. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2006.

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- e. Some of the gabion baskets upstream and downstream of the culvert have deteriorated or broken and riprap had fallen out of the baskets at some locations. Although the gabion baskets are no longer functioning as installed, no significant erosion was observed.
- f. The railings at the upstream and downstream ends of the culvert were in satisfactory condition.
- g. Small trees and brush are growing around the downstream end of the culvert.

#### Recommended Action:

- Cut and remove trees and brush near culvert ends. Chemically treat stumps with Garlon 3A
  herbicide (or other specialty herbicide for use in wetland sites and waterways) to prevent
  regrowth.
- Monitor deposited sediment in the culvert.
- Monitor upstream and downstream banks for erosion.

# 3. Golden Valley Country Club – Box Culvert, Overflow Weir, and Downstream Channel (Constructed 1994)

- a. The channel and riprap armoring from Pennsylvania Avenue to the box culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. The box culvert, joints, and railings appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- c. The overflow weir (earth berm) appeared to be in satisfactory condition and has been maintained by the Golden Valley Country Club staff as manicured fairway turf.

#### Recommended Action:

None

## 4. Westbrook Road Crossing (Constructed 1993)

- a. The concrete Bebo culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. The water level at the staff gage was at 853.99 feet.
- c. Spalled concrete and exposed rebar was observed around the storm sewer pipe entering the culvert on the west (left) side.
- d. Longitudinal hairline cracks were observed on the top of sections of the Bebo culvert, extending across the entire section (pre-cast section) width. The cracks are approximately 2 feet off-center of the structure. These cracks are consistent with previous inspections and have been noted since 2002.
- e. A joint gap and separation was observed between the two furthest downstream sections of the culvert and there are signs of pressure points where the last section has pushed against the top of the two wing walls. Fractured concrete was observed on the east (right)

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side of the culvert, potentially due to the movement. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2015.

- f. Spalled concrete was observed at multiple locations upstream and downstream of the culvert at the top of the wing walls and head wall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2007.
- g. Cracks were observed in the road pavement above the structure. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2010.
- h. The inlet grate for one of the catch basins that drains into the culvert was missing one of the cross bars.
- i. The railings appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

#### Recommended Action:

- Repair spalled concrete and exposed rebar at storm sewer connection on west (left) side of culvert.
- Repair or replace catch basin inlet grate.
- Monitor cracks in the culvert.
- Monitor joint gap and fractured concrete at pressure points.
- Monitor spalled concrete at wing walls and head walls.
- Monitor cracks in the road.

### 5. Regent Avenue Crossing (Constructed 1981-1984)

- a. The concrete Bebo culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. The channel bottom was very soft and mucky and the water level was below the staff gauge.
- c. Spalled concrete was observed at the middle joint of the upstream north (left) wing wall. This in consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.
- d. A crack was observed at the upstream, north (left) wing wall. The crack was near the top of the wing wall and travels at a 45 degree angle down to the headwall. This in consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.
- e. Multiple cracks were observed at the upstream south (right) wing wall. This consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2008.
- f. Spalled concrete was observed around the storm sewer pipe entering the culvert on the north (left) side.
- g. A crack was observed at the downstream south (right) wing wall. The crack was near the top of the wing wall and travels at a 45 degree angle down to the headwall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.
- h. Flows appeared to have scoured the north (left) side of the creek bottom and deposited sediment on the south (right) side of the creek bottom.

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#### Recommended Action:

• Repair spalled concrete at storm sewer connection on north (left) side of culvert.

- Monitor spalled concrete at the upstream north (left) wing wall.
- Monitor crack at the upstream north (left) wing wall.
- Monitor cracks at the upstream south (right) wing wall.
- Monitor crack at the downstream south (right) wing wall.
- Monitor creek bottom for scouring and deposition and, as needed, armor creek bottom along culvert foundation.

## 6. Noble Avenue Crossing (Constructed 1981-1984)

- a. The concrete Bebo culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. Longitudinal hairline cracks were observed throughout the length of the top of the culvert, extending across the entire section (pre-cast section) width. The cracks were either in the center of the structure or approximately 2 feet off-center of the structure. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.
- c. Spalled concrete and exposed plastic joint material was observed approximately two feet either side of center throughout the length of the top of the culvert. The cement paste covering the plastic joint material has separated and exposed the plastic. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.
- d. Spalled concrete and exposed rebar was observed around the storm sewer pipe entering the culvert on the north (left) side.
- e. Spalled concrete was observed at the downstream north (left) wing wall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.
- f. Multiple cracks were observed at the top of downstream north (left) wing wall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2007.
- g. The downstream south (right) wing wall was slightly leaning toward creek. The top of the lower wall was measured at 5/8" offset from the upper wall in 2002. The offset remained constant at 5/8" until 2005 when the offset was observed at 11/16". The offset was then measured at 1" in 2006 and remained at 1" offset until the 2009 inspection when a 1-1/8" offset was measured. The offset between the top of the lower was and the upper wall has remained constant at 1-1/8" from 2009 to present.
- h. Minor bank erosion and scour was observed on both sides of the downstream wing walls. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.
- i. Flows appeared to be scouring the north (left) side of the creek bottom.
- j. The paint on the railings is chipping and coming off in a number of locations.
- k. The City of Golden Valley installed riprap to reinforce the bank and minimize continued erosion at the outside edge of the upstream south (right) wing wall.

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#### Recommended Action:

- Repair spalled concrete and exposed rebar at storm sewer connection on north (left) side of culvert.
- Add new coat of paint to railings.
- Monitor cracks and spalled concrete in the culvert and wing walls.
- Monitor bank erosion at downstream wing walls.
- Monitor creek bottom for scouring and, as needed, armor creek bottom along culvert foundation.

## **Golden Valley / Minneapolis Features**

Inspection Date: October 25, 2018

Inspection Personnel: Patrick Brockamp and Josh Phillips (Barr), Drew Chirpich (Golden Valley)

## 1. Highway 55 Control Structure (Constructed 1987)

- a. The concrete control structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. A hairline crack was observed in the east (left) wall of the inlet structure. The crack is positioned in the middle of the wall extending full height. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.
- c. Erosion was observed around both the east (left) and west (right) sides of the structure, likely from road runoff. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2004. The erosion on the east (left) side is more significant and appears to be worsening.

## Recommended Action:

- Armor the sides of the structure to protect against additional erosion, or divert road runoff away from the structure.
- Monitor hairline crack in the control structure.

## **Crystal Features**

Inspection Date: October 25, 2018

Inspection Personnel: Patrick Brockamp and Josh Phillips (Barr), Dave Fritzke (Crystal)

### 1. Markwood Open Channel – Gabion Section (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The channel appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

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None.

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## 2. Markwood Open Channel (Constructed 1981-1984)

- a. The channel appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. Significant vegetation growth was observed along the channel.
- c. Erosion was observed along the toe of the north (left) and south (right) banks. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2006.
- d. Some homeowner retaining walls and fences along the channel were leaning toward the channel and, in some cases, appeared to be failing. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2009.
- e. The city's corrugated metal pipe (CMP) storm sewer, discharging into the channel between 6833 and 6825 Markwood Drive, was in poor condition. The pipe bottom was corroded and there was erosion and undercutting around the pipe end.

## Recommended Action:

- Monitor erosion along the toe of the channel banks.
- Although not part of flood control project, monitor retaining walls and fences for potential failure and obstruction of flow through the channel.
- Although not part of flood control project, City may want to consider repairing or replacing the CMP storm sewer.

# 3. 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hampshire Avenue Crossing - 8 feet x 6 feet Double Box Culverts (Constructed 1981-1984)

- a. The concrete box culverts, joints and tie bars appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. Some riprap has deposited in the box culverts.
- c. Sediment has deposited in the box culverts, mostly in the downstream half of the box culverts. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2016.
- d. There is a crack in one of the pre-casts sections of the south (right) culvert. The crack is at the top of the culvert across a joint at about the fifth section downstream of the inlet. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002. The crack may have formed during construction.
- e. On both culverts, the fifth joint from the downstream end had a 2 ½ inch gap, which is a larger gap than the rest of the joints. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2010.

#### Recommended Action:

- Remove deposited riprap in the box culverts.
- Monitor sediment in the box culvert.
- Monitor crack in the south (right) culvert.
- Monitor the joint gaps in the culverts.

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## 4. Markwood Downstream Overflow (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The overflow was in satisfactory condition.

## 5. Markwood 8 feet x 4 feet Box Culvert (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The culvert was only visually inspected from the outside at the downstream end. No obstructions or sedimentation was observed and the box culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

#### Recommended Action:

None

## 6. Georgia Avenue Crossing (Constructed 1981-1984)

- a. The concrete culverts appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. Minor erosion was observed between the concrete culverts at the upstream end.
- c. The riprap on the downstream end has been slightly redistributed to create a channelized flow path.

#### Recommended Action:

- Monitor minor erosion between the concrete culverts on the upstream end.
- Monitor riprap on the downstream end to ensure it continues to provide adequate energy dissipation.

#### 7. Edgewood Embankment (Constructed 1981-1984)

- a. The concrete culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. The embankment appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- c. No visible settlement or erosion was observed along the embankment.
- d. Small trees and shrubs were observed growing on the embankment.
- e. The natural boulder riprap between the Edgewood embankment and Douglas Drive crossing is significantly overgrown with vegetation.
- f. Some construction materials had been dumped in the channel riprap between the Edgewood embankment and Douglas Drive crossing.

#### Recommended Action:

- Remove small trees and shrubs growing on the embankment.
- Clear woody vegetation in the channel between the Edgewood Embankment and Douglas Drive crossing as needed to maintain a clear flow path through the channel.
- Removed dumped construction materials in the channel between the Edgewood Embankment and Douglas Drive crossing.

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## 8. Douglas Drive Crossing (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The concrete box culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

- b. The grouted riprap installed on either side of the box culvert outlet has started to deteriorate, and a gap has opened between the grout and the wall of the box culvert. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2016.
- c. Although not part of the flood control project, the privately-owned CMP culvert downstream of the Douglas Drive crossing is in poor condition. Sagging of this culvert has been observed during inspections since 2009 and appears to be worsening. The culvert is significantly bowing and settling has occurred on either side of the culvert, which is evident in the road pavement above the structure.

#### Recommended Action:

- Monitor grouted riprap at the downstream end of the box culvert.
- Although not part of the flood control project, it is recommended that the City coordinate with the property owner to repair or replace the culvert.

## 9. 34th Avenue Crossing (Constructed 1981-1984)

- a. The concrete culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. Some riprap has deposited in the culvert.
- c. Sediment has deposited in the bottom of the culvert, ranging from 0-4 inches deep. This is consistent with previous inspections and 0-12 inches of sediment has been noted in the culvert since 2002.
- d. The tie bars directly upstream and downstream of the manhole connection to the culvert were rusty and flaking. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2008.
- e. A BCWMC stage monitor and automated stormwater sampler were installed downstream of the culvert in May 2018 as part of the Commission's plan for water quality monitoring.

## Recommended Action:

- Removed riprap from the culvert.
- Monitor accumulated sediment in the culvert.
- Monitor tie bars directly upstream and downstream of the manhole connection to the culvert.

## 10. Brunswick Avenue Crossing (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. Strained and detached tie bars were observed in the north (left) culvert. One joint with broken tie bars was previously re-grouted by the City of Crystal, but the joint reopened and a 1-1/2 inch gap in the joint was observed during the 2008 inspection. A 3 inch gap in the joint has been noted since 2009.

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- b. Spalled concrete and exposed rebar was observed in various locations in the south (right) culvert.
- c. Fractured pieces of concrete and grout were observed at the various joints in the south (right) culvert.
- d. Longitudinal and circumferential cracks were observed in both culverts.
- e. Cracks were observed in the road pavement above the structure.
- f. Sediment has deposited in the channel between Brunswick Avenue crossing and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue crossing and created a delta in the channel, which is overgrown with vegetation. The channel was armored with boulder riprap in 2014, but the sediment delta and vegetation was observed in 2017 and 2018.
- g. Two boulders had fallen out of place on the south (left) side of the natural boulder wall, between Brunswick Avenue crossing and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue crossing, and were deposited in the channel bottom.

## Recommended Action:

- Repair detached tie bars.
- Repair spalled concrete and fractured concrete at joints.
- Remove boulders from channel between Brunswick Avenue crossing and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue crossing and replace bounders into the natural boulder wall.
- Remove deposited sediment and vegetation in the channel between Brunswick Avenue crossing and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue crossing.
- Monitor minor cracks in the culverts and road.

## 11. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Crossing (Constructed 1981-1984)

- a. The concrete culverts appeared to be in satisfactory condition. The culverts were only visually inspected from the outside at the upstream and downstream ends due to low clearance and high water levels.
- b. Water was observed entering the north (left) culvert through the bottom of the joint between the first and second upstream sections of the culvert.

#### Recommended Action:

• Monitor the joint between the first and second upstream sections of the north (left) culvert.

## 12. Bassett Creek Park Pond and Outlet (Constructed 1995)

- a. Bassett Creek Park Pond appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. Sediment has deposited in the northwest corner of Bassett Creek Park Pond and formed multiple deltas, which are overgrown with trees and vegetation. This has been noted since 2006 and the sediment deposition appears to be increasing.

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c. The outlet pipes appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

#### Recommended Action:

 Dredging of Bassett Creek Park Pond and upstream channel improvements (BCP-2) is included in the BCWMC CIP Table 5-3. The BCWMC completed a feasibility study for the dredging of Bassett Creek Park Pond and Winnetka Pond in May 2017. The City of Crystal has completed design of the Winnetka Pond Dredging project and the work is anticipated to occur in 2019. Bassett Creek Park Pond Dredging project is included in future CIP planning, pending funding.

## 13. Detention Pond and Outlet Structure (Constructed 1995)

- a. The outlet structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. The detention pond appeared to be in satisfactory condition, but a survey is needed to assess accumulated sediment.

#### Recommended Action:

• Survey the detention pond to determine if the pond has accumulated sediment.

## **Crystal / Golden Valley Features**

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Inspection Personnel: Patrick Brockamp and Josh Phillips (Barr)

## Highway 100 Double Box Culverts (Constructed 1930s, and 2001) and Inlet Structure (Constructed 1995)

- a. The concrete box culverts and concrete inlet structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. Longitudinal cracks, circumferential cracks, and areas of spalled concrete were observed along the top of the south (right) box culvert. MnDOT performed repairs to the culverts in 2007, but cracks have been noted since 2008 and areas of concrete spalling have been noted since 2014.
- c. Deposited sediment was observed in the north (left) box culvert, generally ranging from 8 to 12 inches deep with some locations up to 24 inches deep. This is consistent with previous inspections and 6-24 inches of deposited sediment has been observed in the north (left) box culvert since 2002.
- d. The outlet portion of the structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

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- Monitor accumulated sediment in north (left) box culvert and consider future removal.
- Monitor cracking and spalling concrete in the south (right) box culvert.

## Minneapolis Features

Inspection Date: October 25, 2018

Inspection Personnel: Patrick Brockamp and Josh Phillips (Barr)

## 1. Open Channel (Constructed 1992)

- a. The open channel, from Van White Memorial Boulevard to the inlet structure, appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. The banks were generally covered with brush and trees about 3-4 feet above the channel bottom. Below the level of the trees and brush, the banks were bare soil on both sides for most of the length of the channel, however no obvious signs of bank erosion were noted.
- c. Some dead trees had partially fallen into the channel and were collecting debris.
- d. Sediment has deposited and formed a delta on the south (right) side of the channel between the debris barrier and inlet structure. Vegetation was growing on the delta and approximately one-third of the channel was blocked by the sediment, debris, and vegetation.

#### Recommended Action:

- Remove accumulated sediment and debris on the south (right) side of the channel between the inlet structure and debris barrier.
- Monitor downed trees and debris and remove as needed.
- Bassett Creek Main Stem Erosion Repair Project (CIP 2017 CR-M) is included in the BCWMC CIP Table 5-3. The BCWMC completed a feasibility study for the project in May 2016, and ordered construction of the project at their September, 2016 meeting. The project is currently undergoing a National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) review and cultural resources investigation through the United States Army Corps of Engineers and is scheduled for construction in 2019. The resultant construction project should minimize future erosion concerns and reduce the amount of sediment depositing near the inlet structure.

### 2. Debris Barrier (Constructed 1992)

- a. The debris barrier appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. The cable was missing or broken in the center portion of the channel. The cable is should extend from end to end, attached at each post.

#### Recommended Action:

• Repair or replace the steel cable on debris barrier.

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• Monitor for debris and remove as needed.

## 3. Inlet Structure (Constructed 1992)

- a. The concrete inlet structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- b. Vertical cracks were observed in the concrete on either side of the structure.
- c. Cracks were observed near where the handrail posts are embedded.
- d. The railings and vertical bars appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
- e. The inlet structure had recently been cleared of debris.

#### Recommended Action:

- Monitor for debris and clear as needed.
- Monitor cracks in the concrete inlet structure.

### 4. Double Box Culvert (Constructed 1992)

a. The 5-year double box culvert inspection was last performed on December 9-10, 2014. In cooperation with the City of Minneapolis, a separate report was prepared. The next inspection will be performed in 2019.

## 5. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Tunnel (Constructed 1990) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Tunnel (Constructed 1979)

a. Inspection of the Third Avenue and Second Street deep tunnel are on a 10 year inspection interval. The inspection of the deep tunnel was last performed during 2008. An inspection was scheduled for 2018 but has been delayed to 2019 due to Army Corps of Engineers coordination.

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Table 1: Routine vs. Major Maintenance and Repairs Items

Item #	Routine vs. Major Maintenance and Repairs – as Recommended by the TAC <sup>1</sup> and approved by the BCWMC <sup>2</sup>
Routine	
1	Vegetation: removal of trees, removal of brush, chemical treatment of stumps, control of noxious weeds, establish vegetation on bare areas
2	Removal of debris: woody debris, riprap, trash from channel, inlets, culverts
3	Repair erosion; channels, inlet and outlet structures, culvert ends
4	Repair/replace riprap: on inlet and outlet ends of culverts, channels, banks
6	Remove sediment from channels, structures, culverts, etc.
10	Repair/maintain guard rails, hand rails and fencing: remove rust, prime and paint, repair damaged rails and posts, replace rusted-out sections, repair cables, replace posts, repair chain link fence
12	Repair concrete pipe: repair joints, tie-bolts, spalling, connection to culverts, breakage
13	Repair/replace catch basins, manholes, casting assemblies, grates
14	Repair/maintain debris barrier: removal of debris, repair cables, replace poles
15	Repair/maintain tunnel inlet trash rack: repair/replace trash rack rods (loose or broken, vandalized, bent)
16	Street repairs: pavement, curb and gutter, cracks, depressions, settlement
Major	
5	Repair/replace gabion baskets
7	Remove sediment/dredge ponds, basins, etc.
17	Tunnel repairs: concrete and other repairs to the new Bassett Creek tunnel
Could be major depending on extent	
8	Repair scouring/undercutting at structures and culvert outlets
9	Repair concrete structures: cracking, spalling, breakage
11	Culverts/Bebo sections: joints, settlement, separation, concrete spalling, wing walls – movement and breakage

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Based on needed repairs identified during 2016 FCP inspection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Per BCWMC actions at their May 19, 2016 and July 21, 2016 meetings.

## **Attachment**

Photographs of Bassett Creek Flood Control Project Features

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Plymouth Creek Fish Barrier (Plymouth)





Plymouth Creek Fish Barrier (Plymouth), continued





Plymouth Creek Fish Barrier (Plymouth), continued



**Medicine Lake Outlet (Plymouth)** 



## **Wisconsin Avenue Control Structure (Golden Valley)**





## Wisconsin Avenue Control Structure (Golden Valley), continued





**Golden Valley Country Club (Golden Valley)** 



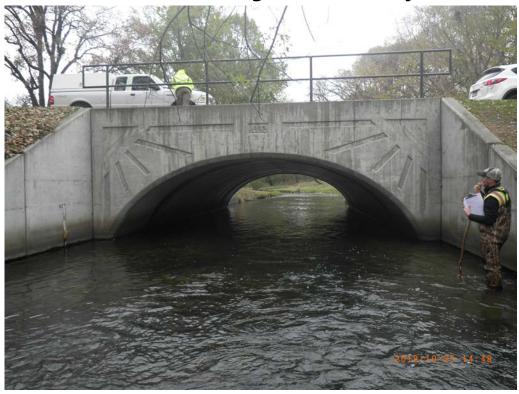


**Golden Valley Country Club (Golden Valley), continued** 





## Westbrook Road Crossing (Golden Valley)



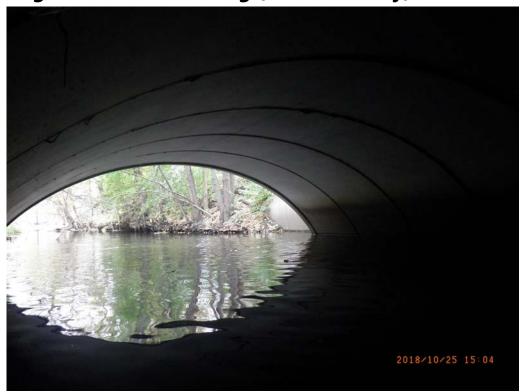


Westbrook Road Crossing (Golden Valley), continued





**Regent Avenue Crossing (Golden Valley)** 





Regent Avenue Crossing (Golden Valley), continued





**Noble Avenue Crossing (Golden Valley)** 





Noble Avenue Crossing (Golden Valley), continued





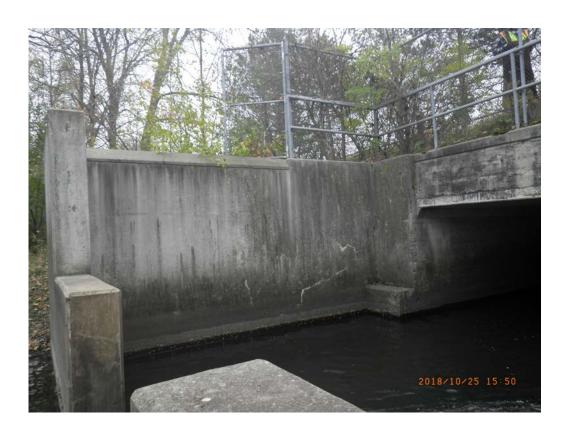
Noble Avenue Crossing (Golden Valley), continued





**Highway 55 Control Structure (Golden Valley/Minneapolis)** 





**Highway 55 Control Structure (Golden Valley/Minneapolis)** 





36<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hampshire Avenue Crossing (Crystal)





36<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hampshire Avenue Crossing (Crystal), continued



**Markwood Open Channel (Crystal)** 



Markwood Open Channel (Crystal), continued





Markwood Open Channel (Crystal), continued





**Markwood Open Channel – Gabion Section (Crystal)** 





Markwood 8 feet x 4 feet Box Culvert (Crystal)





# **Georgia Avenue Crossing (Crystal)**





**Edgewood Embankment (Crystal)** 





**Edgewood Embankment (Crystal), continued** 





**Douglas Drive Crossing (Crystal)** 





**Douglas Drive Crossing (Crystal), continued** 



34<sup>th</sup> Avenue Crossing (Crystal)



### **Brunswick Avenue Crossing (Crystal)**





**Brunswick Avenue Crossing (Crystal), continued** 





**Downstream of Brunswick Avenue Crossing (Crystal)** 





32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Crossing (Crystal)





32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Crossing (Crystal), continued





### **Bassett Creek Park Pond and Outlet (Crystal)**





**Bassett Creek Park Pond and Outlet (Crystal), continued** 





**Detention Pond and Outlet Structure (Crystal)** 





**Highway 100 Double Box Culverts (Crystal/Golden Valley)** 





Highway 100 Double Box Culverts (Crystal/Golden Valley), continued





Highway 100 Double Box Culverts (Crystal/Golden Valley), continued





## **Open Channel (Minneapolis)**





Open Channel (Minneapolis), continued





## **Debris Barrier (Minneapolis)**





**Inlet Structure (Minneapolis)** 





Inlet Structure (Minneapolis), continued

