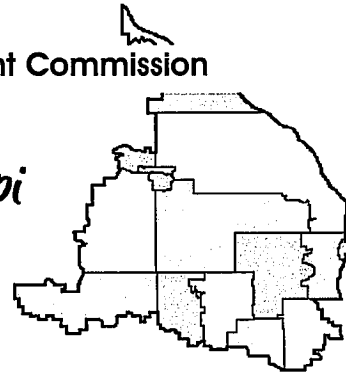


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May 17, 2010

Mayor Tim Willson
City Councilmembers
City Manager Curt Bogany
City of Brooklyn Center

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

Thank you for the April 28, 2010 letter from Director of Public Works/City Engineer Steve Lillehaug conveying the Council's comments on the Shingle Creek and West Mississippi Watershed Management Commissions' proposed Major Plan Amendment revising the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Commissions received comments from three state agencies in addition to Brooklyn Center's comments. Attached to this letter is a tabulation of the comments received and the Commissions' responses, including responses to the issues raised in the April 28 letter. We appreciate your thoughtful discussion and comments and have referred some of the procedural issues to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for discussion and recommendations.

The Commissions held a public hearing on the Major Plan Amendment on May 13, 2010, and discussed the issues raised in the letter as well as other issues. At the conclusion of the public hearing the Commissions voted to continue the Major Plan Amendment process with no revisions to the CIP. The Plan Amendment and this record of comments and responses will be forwarded to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, Hennepin County and other state agencies for a 45-day review period. At the end of that period, the Board of Water and Soil Resources will consider approval of the Plan Amendment. Following that action and the approval of Hennepin County, the Commissions expect to consider the Major Plan Amendment for adoption at their September 9, 2010 meeting.

Please be aware that the specific projects proposed for consideration in 2010 will be going through a parallel consideration process. In accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement, state statute, and the Commissions' capital projects consideration process, feasibility studies will be presented to the Commissions' TAC in May and June 2010, and recommendations made to the Commissions as to which specific projects proposed for 2010 should move forward to the public hearing stage. Public hearings on the proposed projects are also expected to be conducted at that September 9, 2010 meeting. At that time the Commissions will formally request Hennepin County to consider a levy to fund the ordered projects.

As the Second Generation Watershed Management Plan is effective through 2012, later this year the Commissions will begin discussions and scoping for the upcoming Third Generation Management

Plan. Completing that Management Plan will be a significant effort for the Commissions and member cities for 2011 and early 2012. The Board of Water and Soil Resources expects Third Generation Plans to be less of an inventory and more of an outcome-focused, performance-based action plan. This will require extensive policy discussions by the member cities as to how to proceed with and fund the increased level of implementation activity expected in the Third Generation Plan. The issues you raise regarding this Major Plan Amendment are relevant to and will be continued in those future policy discussions.

Thank you for submitting comments on this Major Plan Amendment. If you have any questions please contact the Commissions' engineer Ed Matthiesen, P.E., at Wenck Associates, 763-479-4208 or ematthiesen@wenck.com.

Sincerely,



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