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INTRODUCED BY: Executive Director (Signature on File in the Office of the Commission)

REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO: Policy, Finance, and Personnel Committee

RELATING TO: Agreement between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the City of Wauwatosa Regarding the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge Project and Transfer of Hart Park Storm Sewers

SUMMARY:

The Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute an intergovernmental cooperation agreement (ICA) between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (District) and the City of Wauwatosa (City) regarding the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge Project and transfer of Hart Park storm sewers.

The City is currently working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to reconstruct the West Wisconsin Avenue bridge over Honey Creek. The bridge was constructed in 1934 and is near the end of its useful life. Reconstruction of the bridge will also improve traffic safety and accessibility in the area. The City project is scheduled for construction in 2025.

Separately, the District has a project to remove concrete lining within Honey Creek from its confluence with the Menomonee River to Fairview Avenue (Honey Creek Reach One Concrete Removal, W24007). This segment of Honey Creek includes the area underneath the West Wisconsin Avenue Bridge. The District has a Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), where USACE will take the lead on the project, including design and construction phases. Under the PPA, USACE will pay 65 percent of the project costs and the District 35 percent. The project is currently in design and is scheduled to start construction in 2029.

As the District's Honey Creek project and the City's Wisconsin Avenue bridge project cover the same area under the bridge, the District and City recognize the need for cooperation to ensure both projects can achieve their respective goals in an efficient manner.

ATTACHMENTS: **BACKGROUND** ☐ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒
FISCAL NOTE ☒ **S/W/MBE** ☐ **OTHER** ☐ _____

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SUMMARY (Cont'd)

Agreement between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the City of Wauwatosa Regarding the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge Project and Transfer of Hart Park Storm Sewers

Under the District's Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit, the District is not permitted to have any sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's). The District has identified several SSO outfalls that can be abandoned without any negative impacts, while eliminating the SSO risk. Specific to this area, the District has identified that Bypass Pump Station 0401 (BS0401), located at North Honey Creek Parkway and West Wisconsin Avenue, is one of these outfalls. This bypass station is located immediately adjacent to the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge and presents a conflict for the bridge construction. Given these circumstances, it makes sense to demolish BS0401 as part of the bridge construction.

Finally, in 2006, the District completed Project W20003, Hart Park Flood Management Project. This project included, among other features, construction of several storm sewers to convey storm water from the City. These storm sewers were intended to be turned over to the City, but this never occurred. One of the large storm sewers needs some minor rehabilitation, and the City has agreed to accept ownership of that storm sewer along with all the remaining storm sewers, once the District completes the rehabilitation.

The District and the City have negotiated an ICA that addresses all three of these issues. Under the ICA, the District will:

- Reimburse the City for 50% of the City's share of the costs to demolish BS0401.
- Reimburse the City for 20% of the City's share of the costs to remove the concrete lining of the Honey Creek Channel.
- Complete rehabilitation of Hart Park Project storm sewers.

Under the ICA, the City will:

- Coordinate with WisDOT to ensure the District's requested work is part of the bid and contract documents.
- Pay 50% of the costs for the WisDOT project to demolish BS0401.
- Pay 80% of the costs for the WisDOT project to remove the concrete lining of the Honey Creek Channel.
- Accept ownership and all future operation and maintenance costs of all storm sewers constructed by the District under the Hart Park Project that serve the City.

The District will reimburse the City based on actual costs expended by the City, based on documentation provided by the City and verified by the District. District staff estimates the District's cost share will be approximately \$113,600.

RESOLUTION

Agreement between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the City of Wauwatosa Regarding the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge Project and Transfer of Hart Park Storm Sewers

RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the City of Wauwatosa regarding the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge Project and transfer of Hart Park storm sewers.