



Title: 325 Blake Road Vision and Process

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Purpose: At the January 9, 2020 Operations and Programs Committee (OPC) meeting, staff will provide an update on recent engagement with the City of Hopkins to refine a shared vision and redevelopment process for the 325 Blake Road site.

Background: At the October 24, 2019 Policy and Planning Committee meeting, staff provided an update on scenario planning and technical analysis related to regional stormwater at 325 Blake Road, Hopkins. The Committee directed staff to reengage City of Hopkins Planning & Development staff to advance the potential redevelopment of the site.

Summary: Since the October 24, 2019 OPC meeting, MCWD and City of Hopkins staff will have met four times to refine a shared redevelopment vision document and lay out a joint process leading from visioning and conceptual design through potential redevelopment. MCWD and the City of Hopkins had previously developed a joint development vision and set of guiding principles that were issued with the 2017 RFQ. However, MCWD and the City agreed that with the addition of new members to both the MCWD Board of Managers and Hopkins City Council, it would be timely to refresh the joint vision, identify any outstanding issues and roadblocks, and agree on a process to move from visioning through potential redevelopment. The City tentatively proposed to bring the joint vision to the City Council in February 2020 and seek guidance on a process leading to potential redevelopment.

At the January 9, 2020 OPC meeting, staff will provide a brief presentation of progress towards a joint vision document and redevelopment process with the City of Hopkins. Staff will seek input and guidance from the Committee on the draft vision document, as well as next steps at the staff and policy maker levels.

Supporting documents (list attachments): All materials will be provided at the January 9 meeting.