

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DIRECT CONNECTION
TO THE NEW BASSETT CREEK TUNNEL AS PART OF
THE SOUTHWEST LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT**

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
Resolution #16-____

WHEREAS, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (“BCWMC”) received a letter from the City of Minneapolis (“City”) requesting approval for the Metropolitan Council to construct a direct connection to what is commonly known as the new Bassett Creek Tunnel (“New Tunnel”) to address drainage in the Glenwood Avenue area as part of the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (“SWLRT Project”);

WHEREAS, the construction of the New Tunnel was a cooperative effort and involved a number of agreements, including a Joint and Cooperative Agreement for Boundary Change dated September 28, 2000 and entered into between the BCWMC, the City, and the Middle Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (“Agreement”);

WHEREAS, Section 6.1.2 of the Agreement indicates the City is prohibited from adding connections or outlets to the New Tunnel without the written approval of the BCWMC;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of the BCWMC previously approved the City to connect to the New Tunnel as part of the Twins stadium construction project; and

WHEREAS, while the Board generally discourages requests to connect to the New Tunnel, it recognizes that in certain limited circumstances it is appropriate to allow a direct connection, provided the connection is made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the BCWMC that, pursuant to the Agreement, it hereby grants approval to the City to make a direct connection to the New Tunnel associated with the SWLRT Project, conditioned on the BCWMC engineer reviewing the plans for the proposed direct connection to ensure consistency with the provisions of the Agreement.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission this 17th day of March, 2016.

Chair

Attest:

Secretary

Resolution No. _____: Offered by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, adopted by a vote of _____ at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission on March 17, 2016.