

AGENDA ITEM - 3B



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Jessica Jagoe, City Administrator

FROM: David Swearingen, P.E. Public Works Director / City Engineer
Ryan Peterson, Bolton & Menk - Project Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed Booster Station (TCAAP/RCC) - Aesthetics

Budgeted Amount:
N/A

Actual Amount:
N/A

Funding Source:
N/A

Council Should Consider

Council should consider the different options for the proposed booster station aesthetics.

Background/Discussion

Ramsey County has moved forward with a project to complete plans and specifications for construction of Rice Creek Boulevard (a.k.a. the “Spine Road”) through the TCAAP property/Rice Creek Commons Redevelopment Site (RCC). Kimley Horn, with Bolton & Menk as a sub-consultant, was contracted to complete these plans and specifications and all associated tasks necessary to provide a biddable contract documents plan set. One of the tasks in the scope of work requires the final design for the proposed Booster Station.

Following the recommendations in the recent Preliminary Design Report (2025) which was shared with the City Council on May 27, 2025, the new west booster station will be constructed along Old Highway 10 (Old Snelling Ave N) and on the north side of I-694 entirely within existing Ramsey County Right-of-Way. The report indicated that the Booster Station could also be constructed on the south side of I-694, but as the project moved further into design, the north side of I-694 was deemed more feasible due to topography concerns on the south side. Ramsey County also recommends locating the building on the north side of I-694. A draft site drawing has been provided in Attachment A.

The purpose of discussion for this item is for Council to provide direction on how the building should look. From the 2015 Preliminary Design Report, there is a section that says “The booster station building will be a brick building with garage door access. The dimensions will be roughly 20’X30’. The roof will likely be gabled or sloped to match the adjacent residential area. A

mobile emergency generator connection will be included and screened on the exterior of the building.”. Staff and the design team are considering not including garage doors in order to minimize the footprint of the building. Attachment B provides different aesthetic options for the Council to consider. Staff would note that design options 2-4 are generally more consistent with the recommendations of the MN Department of Health to encourage efforts to make utility infrastructure both functional and visually friendly in a neighborhood.

Budget Impact

There are no direct costs to the City associated with the Booster Station as construction will be included in the Ramsey County’s Rice Creek Boulevard construction project related to the Rice Creek Commons development which is proposed as fully funded by Ramsey County.

Attachments

Attachment A – Booster Station site drawing

Attachment B – Booster Station aesthetic options