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DOJ Case No. 90-5-1-1-09000

Submittal of Annual Report and Quarterly Progress Report

Dear Colleagues,

In accordance with the provisions of the Consent Decree, Section XIX (Reporting Requirements), Subsection A, herewith we are transmitting the Annual Report for 2020 and the Quarterly Progress Report which covers the period from October 1 through December 31, 2020.

A copy of each report is concurrently being placed in the Public Document Repository (PDR).

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I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering such information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions concerning this report, do not hesitate to contact me.

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# CONSENT DECREE QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

## October 1 through December 31, 2020

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## Introduction

On March 12, 2009, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee (Metro), entered into a Consent Decree with the United States and the State of Tennessee. To fulfill the reporting requirements defined in Section XIX.A. of the Consent Decree, Metro has prepared this *Quarterly Progress Report*, which includes the following information:

- 1. Information on sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and dry-weather combined sewer system overflows (CSOs) occurring during the reporting period
- 2. A description of the work conducted during the reporting period to comply with the requirements of the Consent Decree
- 3. The anticipated work for the upcoming quarter to comply with the requirements of the Consent Decree
- 4. Any additional information necessary to demonstrate that Metro is adequately implementing the work

Work, as defined in the Consent Decree, includes all activities that Metro is required to perform under the Consent Decree. For the purposes of this *Quarterly Progress Report*, however, the focus will remain on current and upcoming work related to the *Corrective Action Plan/Engineering Report* (CAP/ER), the *Long Term Control Plan* (LTCP), and additional activities to address SSOs and CSOs.

### 1.1 Additional Programs

Several additional programs, listed below, were also required to be developed or implemented as part of the Consent Decree. Any modifications or updates to these programs will be identified in **Section 4** of this report.

- Spill and Overflow Response Plan (Section VII.C.2) Metro continues to operate under the current Spill and Overflow Response Plan (SORP). A review of the SORP will be conducted annually with any proposed changes submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval by June 1 each year.
- Inter-jurisdictional Agreement Program (Section VII.C.3) All required inter-jurisdictional
  agreements are in place, and Metro will continue to operate under these agreements, including
  monitoring peak flows received.
- *Capacity Assurance Plan* (Section VII.C.4) The Capacity Assurance Plan will continue to be applied as a tracking/approval tool for new development/flow in the sanitary sewer system.
- Pump Station Operation Plan for Power Outages (Section VII.C.5) All projects identified in the Pump Station Operation Plan for Power Outages were completed prior to the start of the reporting period.
- Nine Minimum Controls Compliance Plan (Section VII.D.1) All elements of the Nine Minimum



Controls Compliance Plan (NMC) were completed in 2012.

 Supplemental Environmental Projects (Section VIII) – The Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) required in the Consent Decree were completed in 2010.

## 1.2 Report Organization

This *Quarterly Progress Report* is organized as follows:

- Section 1 Introduction
- Section 2 Corrective Action Plan/Engineering Report
- Section 3 Long Term Control Plan
- Section 4 Additional Measures to Maintain Consent Decree Compliance
- Section 5 Quarterly SSO and Dry-Weather CSO Report



## Corrective Action Plan/Engineering Report

To address conditions causing overflows in their sanitary sewer system, Metro developed a CAP/ER that was submitted to EPA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) on September 11, 2011.

The CAP/ER development began with a characterization of Metro's sanitary sewer system through extensive monitoring and modeling to understand the existing system's limitations. The need for improvements to address both current and future sewer capacity needs was then assessed, and potential alternatives were evaluated to select efficient and cost effective solutions. These recommended projects, which include infrastructure rehabilitation, additional conveyance capacity, and storage of wet-weather flows, are presented in the CAP/ER.

Approval of the CAP/ER was granted by EPA on August 10, 2017, with TDEC copied on the approval. Since submittal of the CAP/ER in 2011, information from additional flow monitoring data collection, constructability reviews, and hydraulic analyses resulted in adjustments to several CAP/ER projects, as well as the identification of additional projects to remediate SSOs. A summary of those changes was presented to EPA and TDEC in the *Addendum to the CAP/ER*, dated September 27, 2017.

Through ongoing efforts to maintain the system, Metro identified several overflow locations, outside of those identified in the CAP/ER, that warrant additional field investigations and/or improvements. As requested by TDEC in a letter dated July 15, 2019, Metro prepared *Addendum #2 to the CAP/ER*, which was submitted on August 30, 2019. That Addendum describes those overflow locations, summarizes actions taken, and presents Metro's plan for identifying and addressing conditions causing those overflows.

On February 18, 2020, Metro met with representatives from EPA, TDEC, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Tennessee Attorney General's office to discuss compliance with the Consent Decree. A follow-up conference call with all parties was held on April 4, 2020, with informal clarifications between parties continuing over the following months. On December 7, 2020, Metro received a letter from EPA formalizing those discussions. The letter, which was countersigned by Metro on December 8, 2020, expands the Consent Decree's list of sanitary sewer overflows to be addressed (Appendix A of the Consent Decree). Additionally, Metro is required to submit an update to the CAP/ER by June 8, 2021, identifying corrective actions that have been or will be taken to address those overflows.

Ongoing CAP/ER projects are described in the following subsections, and a schedule illustrating current and upcoming work on CAP/ER projects is presented as Appendix A.

Due to the ongoing potential impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic, timelines for some projects may require schedule adjustments. In an April 1, 2020, letter, Metro notified EPA and TDEC of the potential need for time extensions due to the force majeure event of the COVID-19 epidemic. On June 26, 2020, Metro received a response from EPA which indicated that Metro, TDEC, and EPA will need additional communication as more information about the potential impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic on Metro's Consent Decree compliance is known.



## 2.1 Completed CAP/ER Projects

The following projects, discussed in the CAP/ER, achieved substantial completion prior to the start of the reporting period:

- 28th Avenue Rehabilitation Area 1 Clifton Avenue
- Barker Road / Omohundro Equalization Storage Phase I
- Brick Church Pike Pipe Improvements
- Cowan / Riverside Rehabilitation Area 1 Jones Avenue
- Cowan / Riverside Rehabilitation Area 2 Dickerson Pike
- Cowan / Riverside Rehabilitation Area 3 West Trinity Lane
- Cowan / Riverside Rehabilitation Area 4 Pages Branch
- Davidson and Brook Hollow Sewer Improvements
- Dodson Chapel Equalization Tank and Wastewater Pumping Station Expansion
- Dodson Chapel Pipe Improvements
- Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Optimization
- Ewing Creek / Brick Church Equalization Facility
- Gibson Creek Rehabilitation Area 1 Dupont Avenue
- Hidden Acres Rehabilitation
- Highway 100 / Tyne Boulevard Trimble Rehabilitation
- Holiday Travel Park Gravity Conversion
- Joelton Rehabilitation
- Lakewood Water and Sewer Replacement
- Langford Farms Madison Heights Rehabilitation
- Loves Branch Rehabilitation
- Mill Creek 36-inch Trunk Sewer System Rehabilitation
- Mill Creek / Opryland Equalization Facility Phase II
- Neely's Bend Rehabilitation
- Rockwood Conveyance Improvements
- Shelby Park Rehabilitation Area 1 Virginia Avenue



- Shelby Park Rehabilitation Area 2 Norvel Avenue
- Shelby Park Rehabilitation Area 3 Greenland Avenue
- Shelby Park Rehabilitation Area 4 Brush Hill Road
- Shelby Park Rehabilitation Area 5 Cooper Lane
- Smith Springs Equalization Storage
- Smith Springs Rehabilitation Area 1 Priest Lake Meadows
- Smith Springs Rehabilitation Area 2 Castlegate
- Vandiver Rehabilitation
- West Park Equalization Storage Phase I
- West Park Equalization Facility Phase II
- Westchester Drive Rehabilitation
- Whites Creek Wastewater Pumping Station
- Whites Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Optimization and Disinfection

## 2.2 CAP/ER Projects under Construction

The following project commenced construction during the reporting period:

Davidson Branch Pump Station and Equalization Facility

The Davidson Branch Pump Station and Equalization Facility project, referred to as the Davidson Branch Equalization Storage project in the CAP/ER, includes the relocation of an existing duty station and construction of a wastewater storage tank and wet-weather pumping station on a property adjacent to the existing Davidson Branch Pump Station. Design began on May 1, 2015. Advertisement for construction activities began on April 25, 2020, and bid proposals were received on June 11, 2020. The construction Notice-to-Proceed was issued on October 21, 2020, and construction activities will continue through the upcoming quarter.

## 2.3 CAP/ER Projects under Design

The following projects, discussed in the CAP/ER, were under design or bidding during the reporting period:

28th Avenue Rehabilitation – Area 2 – Batavia Street

The 28th Avenue Rehabilitation – Area 2 – Batavia Street project is the second in a series of rehabilitation projects to be constructed in the 28th Avenue Rehabilitation project area. The area to be evaluated for rehabilitation includes approximately 49,500 linear feet of gravity sewer and 272 manholes. Design began on May 19, 2020, and is anticipated to conclude in the upcoming quarter.



#### Cleeces Ferry Rehabilitation – Area 1 – Summerly Drive

The Cleeces Ferry Rehabilitation – Area 1 – Summerly Drive project is the first of two rehabilitation projects to be constructed upstream of the Cleeces Ferry Pump Station. The area to be evaluated for rehabilitation includes approximately 53,100 linear feet of gravity sewer and 299 manholes. Design began on August 6, 2020, and is anticipated to continue through the upcoming quarter.

#### Hurricane Creek Pipe Improvements

The Hurricane Creek Pipe Improvements project, as presented in the CAP/ER, consisted of increasing the conveyance capacity of approximately 7,800 linear feet of gravity sewer to meet Metro's capacity assurance requirements. Following the analysis of additional flow monitoring conducted in the spring of 2015, the project's scope was revised to include the design of parallel and/or replacement gravity sewers for approximately 12,100 linear feet of existing gravity trunk sewer. Design began on July 12, 2016, and is complete. Permit and easement acquisition activities are underway and are anticipated to continue through the upcoming quarter.

#### Gibson Creek Equalization Facility

The Gibson Creek Equalization Facility project, as presented in the CAP/ER, consists of the design and construction of a 10-million-gallon wastewater storage tank and associated wet-weather pumping station. Design began on September 12, 2016, and is complete. Major permitting activities are also complete. Advertisement for construction is anticipated to occur in the first quarter of 2021.

#### Sevenmile Creek Rehabilitation – Area 1

The Sevenmile Creek Rehabilitation – Area 1 project is the first in a series of rehabilitation projects developed for the Mill Creek watershed and its tributaries. Although not originally included in the projects proposed in the CAP/ER, sewer rehabilitation in the Mill Creek watershed will be performed to reduce wet-weather flows, allowing for a reduced length of conveyance improvements for the Mill Creek Trunk Improvements and Equalization Facility project. The area evaluated for rehabilitation includes approximately 41,200 linear feet of gravity sewer. Design began on July 31, 2018, and is complete. The project consists of the rehabilitation of approximately 28,900 linear feet of gravity sewer, associated manholes, and service laterals within rights-of-way and easements. Advertisement for construction is anticipated to occur in the third quarter of 2021.

#### Shelby Park Rehabilitation – Area 6 – Shelby Trunk

This rehabilitation project is the sixth in a series of rehabilitation projects to be constructed upstream of the Shelby Park Pump Station. The area evaluated for rehabilitation includes approximately 36,200 linear feet of gravity trunk sewer and 130 manholes. Design began on February 6, 2017, and is complete, including coordination with Metro Parks. Permitting activities were completed in December 2017. The project consists of the rehabilitation of approximately 20,500 linear feet of gravity sewer, associated manholes, and service laterals within rights-of-way and easements. Advertisement for construction began on September 28, 2020, and bidding and award activities are anticipated to continue through the upcoming



quarter. Construction activities are anticipated to begin during the second quarter of 2021. This project utilizes a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.

Smith Springs Rehabilitation – Area 3 – Harbour Town

The Smith Springs Rehabilitation – Area 3 – Harbour Town project is the third of multiple rehabilitation projects that will be constructed upstream of the Smith Springs Pump Station. The area evaluated for rehabilitation includes over 58,000 linear feet of gravity sewer. Design began on June 5, 2017, and is complete. The resulting project consists of the rehabilitation of approximately 28,000 linear feet of gravity sewer, associated manholes, and service laterals within rights-of-way and easements. Advertisement for construction is anticipated to occur in the fourth quarter of 2021.

## 2.4 Upcoming CAP/ER Projects

The following projects, discussed in the CAP/ER, are anticipated to begin or continue procurement for design services during the upcoming quarter:

Mill Creek Trunk Improvements and Equalization Facility

The Mill Creek Trunk Improvements and Equalization Facility project combines two projects presented in the CAP/ER, the Mill Creek Trunk Improvements project and the Mill Creek / Opryland Equalization Facility – Phase III project. Additional analysis of flow monitoring and condition assessment data of the upstream gravity system indicate that rehabilitation to reduce wet-weather flows may provide a viable option to reduce the extents of the trunk sewer improvements. The resulting project consists of conveyance capacity upgrades of over 3 miles of large diameter sewer, the addition of 60 million gallons of storage, and the addition of a wet-weather pump station with a 100 million gallons per day pumping capacity. Activities associated with the procurement of design services continued in the reporting period. Contract activities are anticipated to conclude, and design is anticipated to begin in the first quarter of 2021.

Additionally, Metro intends to deliver this project via a Construction Manager at Risk who will provide pre-construction services during the design phase and act as the general contractor during the construction phase of this project. Advertisement for the Construction Manager at Risk occurred on August 27, 2020, and the selection process is anticipated to continue through the upcoming quarter.

Lakewood Rehabilitation – Area 2 – Pitts Avenue

The Lakewood Rehabilitation – Area 2 – Pitts Avenue project is a sewer rehabilitation project planned for the area upstream of the Lakewood Pump Station. The area to be evaluated for rehabilitation includes approximately 54,000 linear feet of gravity sewer and 282 manholes. Procurement of design services is anticipated to continue in the upcoming quarter.

Bandywood – Green Hills Rehabilitation

The Bandywood – Green Hills Rehabilitation (SU03A) project is a sewer rehabilitation project planned for the portion of the Green Hills area near Sugartree Creek. The area to be evaluated



for rehabilitation includes approximately 59,000 linear feet of gravity sewer and 358 manholes. Procurement of design services is anticipated to begin in the upcoming quarter.

In addition to the projects listed above, Metro continues to conduct planning activities for multiple Clean Water Nashville projects.

## 2.5 CAP/ER Addendum #2 Projects

As discussed in the *Addendum #2 to the CAP/ER*, Metro recognizes the need to continuously review occurrences of overflows, identify their root causes, and address issues before they become chronic. Through that monitoring process, Metro identified several overflow locations, outside of those initially identified in the CAP/ER, that warrant additional field investigations and/or improvements. Activities associated with those locations, when not associated with a capital project, are described as follows:

#### Bordeaux Hills Pump Station

After experiencing an increased frequency of overflows in 2018, the operation of the Bordeaux Hills Pump Station was evaluated, and it was determined that the grinders at the pump station were potentially causing excessive surcharging during high flow storm events leading to an overflow at the relief pipe. In March 2019, the grinders were removed, and the pump station has not experienced an overflow since that time. Because the pump station has not experienced any operational or performance issues with the grinders removed, Metro does not plan to reinstall them. This activity is believed to have addressed the wet-weather overflows previously reported at this location. The pump station will continue to be monitored as part of Metro's ongoing capacity, management, operations, and maintenance (CMOM) activities.

#### Bordeaux Hospital Pump Station

To address the wet-weather overflow occurring at the Bordeaux Hospital Pump Station, the pump impellers were replaced in June 2019, restoring the capacity of the pump station. This is believed to have addressed the wet-weather overflows previously reported at this location. The pump station's performance will continue to be monitored as part of Metro's ongoing CMOM activities.

#### Fairway Center Pump Station

Because of recent overflows at the Fairway Center Pump Station during wet-weather events, Metro identified the area for additional investigation. An evaluation of the pump station's performance has been completed, and pump impellers were replaced which improved the pump station's performance. Smoke testing of the gravity sewer upstream of the pump station was completed in the fall of 2019. Temporary flow monitoring was initiated in January 2020 and concluded in April 2020, and an update of the hydraulic model was completed during the reporting period. Review of model results, smoke testing data, and available closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspections of the gravity sewer is anticipated to be complete in 2021 to assess the need for further improvements.



#### Farmingham Woods Pump Station

The Farmingham Woods Pump Station was removed from service in July 2019, and the area previously served by the pump station is now conveyed via a new gravity sewer. This improvement addresses the wet-weather overflows previously observed at the pump station.

#### Hillview Pump Station

Although not historically a location of overflows, numerous wet-weather overflows were observed at the Hillview Pump Station beginning in late 2017. In response to these overflows, smoke testing was conducted in the upstream gravity sewer in October 2018, and manhole inspections along with CCTV inspections of the gravity sewer were conducted in March 2019. Several repairs to address rainfall-derived infiltration and inflow (RDII) were identified, and these were completed in 2019. Concurrently with the investigations of the gravity sewer, the pump station was evaluated and determined to have a reduced pumping capacity. Work to restore the pump station's capacity has been completed, and the pump station will continue to be monitored for capacity issues as part of Metro's ongoing CMOM activities.

#### Hopedale Pump Station

Although it experienced only one overflow in the decade prior to 2019, numerous overflows were reported at the Hopedale Pump Station in 2019. Because of the increased frequency of overflows, the pump station's performance was evaluated, and the pump station was determined to be operating as designed. Smoke testing of the gravity sewer upstream of the pump station has been completed, and data collected is being reviewed. Additional investigations to identify and address sources of RDII, such as CCTV inspection of the gravity sewer, may be conducted if issues persist at the pump station.

#### Long Hunter Chase Pump Station

Following an increase in the frequency of wet-weather overflows associated with the Long Hunter Chase Pump Station in 2018, smoke testing was conducted in the upstream gravity sewer in October 2018. Smoke testing revealed that many cleanouts in the area were broken, allowing inflow to enter the system during rainfall events. Repairs of those cleanouts were completed during the second quarter of 2020. Since the work was completed, an overflow occurred at the pump station on September 13, 2020, when the area experienced more than 6 inches of rainfall. Since that rainfall event far exceeded the CAP/ER's design criteria, no additional remedial measures are proposed at this time. The pump station's performance will continue to be monitored as part of Metro's ongoing CMOM activities.

#### Mill Creek Pump Station

Because of the increased frequency of overflows in 2018 at the Mill Creek Pump Station, smoke testing of the gravity sewer upstream of the pump station was conducted in the fall of 2019. Investigations in the area identified that the overflow relief pipe associated with the pump station was defective, potentially allowing water to enter the sewer during periods of high river stage. The defective overflow relief pipe was repaired in December 2020. The pump station's performance will continue to be monitored as part of Metro's ongoing CMOM activities.



#### Rowan Drive/Cravath Drive

The Rowan Drive / Cravath Drive area, located in the northern portion of the Whites Creek WWTP service area, has experienced numerous rainfall-related overflows. Flow monitoring conducted in 2018 indicated that surcharging in the Rowan Drive / Cravath Drive area is not caused by surcharging in the trunk sewer along Whites Creek. Instead the overflows appear to be caused by either a capacity issue within the local gravity sewer or an excessive amount of RDII entering the system. Metro has installed a level sensor in the area to assess the frequency and extent of surcharging. CCTV inspection of the 10-inch diameter gravity sewer was completed in the summer of 2019, and a review of the data confirmed that the sewer is free of major blockages and significant sources of infiltration. Additional temporary flow monitoring was initiated in January 2020 and concluded in April 2020. That data was used to update the hydraulic model which will be used in 2021 to confirm that the available capacity is adequate to convey the predicted peak flows in this area and to assess whether the area should be targeted for rehabilitation.

#### South Oak Hill Pump Station

Because of the increased frequency of overflows at the South Oak Hill Pump Station during wet-weather events, Metro identified the area for additional investigation. An evaluation of the pump station's performance has been completed, and the pump station was determined to be operating as designed. Smoke testing of the gravity sewer system upstream of the pump station was completed in the fourth quarter of 2019. Additional field investigations completed in the second quarter of 2020 identified numerous locations where the pipe-to-manhole connection was defective, allowing infiltration to enter the system. Repairs of those manholes are scheduled to be completed during the upcoming quarter.

#### Sunliner Drive Pump Station

Because of the increased frequency of overflows at the Sunliner Pump Station during wet-weather events, Metro has identified the area for additional investigation. An evaluation of the pump station's performance has been completed, the pump impellers were replaced, and the force main was cleaned in February 2020. Smoke testing of the gravity sewer system upstream of the pump station was completed in the fourth quarter of 2019, and additional manhole inspections are scheduled for the winter/spring of 2021. Defects identified through those investigations will be repaired, as needed.

#### Wallace Lane / Abbott Martin Road

The Wallace Lane / Abbott Martin Road area is located in Green Hills and is part of the Whites Creek WWTP service area. In early 2019, a customer notified Metro of a potential issue in this area, and Metro has since confirmed that overflows occur at two manholes (116-12-076 and 116-16-040) during wet-weather events. Since notification of the issue, Metro has verified that the sewer's in the immediate area are structurally sound and free of blockages that may reduce the sewer's capacity during high flow events. Metro has level sensors installed in the area to assess the frequency and extent of surcharging. Additional temporary flow monitoring was initiated in January 2020 and completed April 2020. Review and analysis of this data in the hydraulic model confirmed that redirecting some flow from the 8-inch diameter sewer (where the overflows occur) to the parallel 10-inch diameter sewer running along Wallace Lane will



improve, but not fully address, the overflow. That redirection of flow was completed during the reporting period, and the performance of the system will continue to be monitored. Budget for additional field investigation and sewer rehabilitation to address the sources of RDII in the area upstream of the overflows has been added to the Program. Design is scheduled to start in mid-2022.



## Long Term Control Plan

To reduce the occurrence and impact of combined sewer overflows into the Cumberland River, Metro developed an update to the *Long Term Control Plan* (LTCP), that was submitted to EPA and TDEC on September 11, 2011.

The LTCP followed EPA's *Combined Sewer Overflow Control Policy* in implementing a rigorous process for identifying and evaluating alternatives to reduce combined sewer overflows. Consideration included financial and engineering analyses to develop recommended improvements in conjunction with four key objectives that were established early in the planning process:

- Improve the water quality of the Cumberland River by reducing impacts from combined sewer overflows
- Provide a level of CSO control that results in improvements in water quality that are consistent with the community's use of the Cumberland River
- Align investment in CSO controls to be commensurate with the contribution of CSOs to water quality relative to other sources
- Consider the impact of the overall program cost on the ratepayers in the current economic climate

These goals and objectives were developed based on feedback provided by representatives from Metro, local government, and the community through a public engagement campaign developed to solicit input from affected stakeholders.

On June 18, 2018, Metro presented to EPA and TDEC an *Addendum to the LTCP* which summarizes the updates and modifications to projects described in the LTCP since its submittal in 2011.

In a February 11, 2019, letter, EPA provided review comments to Metro on the LTCP and *Addendum to the LTCP*. Metro submitted a response letter dated March 6, 2019 with a proposed path forward.

On February 18, 2020, Metro met with representatives from EPA, TDEC, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Tennessee Attorney General's office to discuss the path forward for the LTCP approval, among other topics. A follow-up conference call with all parties was held on April 4, 2020, with informal clarifications between parties continuing over the following months. On July 24, 2020, Metro submitted the *Addendum #2 to the LTCP*, clarifying and updating the proposed CSO abatement projects.

On December 7, 2020, Metro received a letter from EPA providing partial conditional approval to the LTCP and addenda. The letter approves the proposed control measures at the Benedict & Crutcher, Boscobel, Driftwood, and Schrader CSOs and approves the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity and CSO Reduction project. The letter requires that Metro, within four years, submit a revised LTCP that describes the control measures designed to bring the Kerrigan and Washington CSOs into compliance with Tennessee's water quality standards at the time of submittal. (TDEC is



currently reviewing the existing water quality standards.) The letter was agreed to and countersigned by Metro on December 8, 2020.

Active LTCP projects are described in the following subsections, and a schedule illustrating current and upcoming work on LTCP projects is presented as Appendix A.

Due to the ongoing potential impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic, timelines for some work may require schedule adjustments. In an April 1, 2020, letter, Metro notified EPA and TDEC of the potential need for time extensions due to the force majeure event of the COVID-19 epidemic. On June 26, 2020, Metro received a response from EPA which indicated that Metro, TDEC, and EPA will need additional communication as more information about the potential impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic on Metro's Consent Decree compliance are known.

## 3.1 Completed LTCP Projects

The following projects, discussed in the LTCP, were completed prior to the start of the reporting period:

- Apex Sewer Corrections
- Broadway Improvements
- Driftwood Equalization Basin Expansion
- Sludge Transfer Facility (as part of Central WWTP Capacity Improvements and CSO Reduction)
- Van Buren Improvements
- Washington CSO Facility Improvements

### 3.2 LTCP Projects under Construction

The following LTCP project is anticipated to continue construction during the upcoming quarter:

Central WWTP Capacity Improvements and CSO Reduction

The Central WWTP Capacity Improvements and CSO Reduction project will reduce the overflow frequency and volume from the Kerrigan CSO by increasing both the wet-weather treatment capacity of the Central WWTP and the overall capacity of the Central Pumping Station. This project is the result of the *Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Optimization Study* which was completed in 2014. The study identified limiting factors in each of the Central WWTP's unit processes and confirmed that peak wet-weather secondary treatment capacity could be significantly increased through upgrades to the existing headworks, primary treatment, secondary aeration, final clarification systems, and other facilities without building new tankage.

Advertisement for design services for the Central WWTP Capacity Improvements and CSO Reduction project began in January 2015, and two design contracts were awarded in April 2015. Following contract negotiations and other designer procurement activities, design activities for both contracts began on September 21, 2015. The *Central WWTP Optimization Basis of Design Report* was finalized in December 2016.



In mid-2017, Metro officially decided to design and construct a single headworks facility that will serve both combined and sanitary influents. This design was completed by Hazen and Sawyer. The majority of other work at the plant was designed by Brown and Caldwell. Each firm's Notice-to-Proceed for detailed design was issued on June 23, 2017. Design for the headworks reached 100 percent in June 2019; design activities for the balance of the plant improvements were completed in April 2020.

On March 23, 2017, Metro completed the procurement and contracting of a Construction Manager at Risk to provide pre-construction services during the design phase and to act as the general contractor during the construction phase of this project. Brasfield & Gorrie was selected as the Construction Manager at Risk.

The Notice-to-Proceed was issued for construction of the headworks package on July 27, 2020, and the Notice-to-Proceed for construction of the balance of plant package was issued on September 28, 2020. Construction activities for the headworks, balance of plant, and other minor construction packages are underway and will continue through 2023. Procurement for the north park improvements is currently underway with construction expected to begin in the second quarter of 2021.

Work on-site continues, including demolition of miscellaneous structures, final site clearing, location of utilities and major pipes by potholing, blasting, excavation, structural concrete placement for the headworks, micropile installation, spoils disposal, miscellaneous channel modifications for future flow diversion work, and chlorine contact facility modifications.

## 3.3 LTCP Projects under Design

There are currently no LTCP projects under design.

### 3.4 Upcoming LTCP Projects

There are currently no LTCP projects anticipated to begin design in the upcoming quarter.



## Additional Measures to Maintain Consent Decree Compliance

In addition to the CAP/ER and LTCP projects described in the previous sections, the measures described in the following subsections are related to Metro's ongoing Consent Decree compliance.

### 4.1 2017 Annual Rehabilitation – Dry Creek

The 2017 Annual Rehabilitation – Dry Creek project, which is located in the Dry Creek WWTP's service area, consisted of the evaluation of approximately 57,900 linear feet of gravity sewer, ranging in diameter from 8 to 30 inches. The resulting construction project consists of the rehabilitation of approximately 27,100 linear feet of gravity sewer, associated manholes, and service laterals within rights-of-way and easements. These sewers are located outside of CAP/ER rehabilitation areas and include many sewers classified as high priority for evaluation due to observations of infiltration. Design began on March 27, 2017, and was completed in September 2017. Advertisement for construction is anticipated to commence in the second quarter of 2021.

## 4.2 2017 Annual Rehabilitation – Shepherd Hills

The 2017 Annual Rehabilitation – Shepherd Hills project, which is located in the Dry Creek WWTP's service area, consisted of the evaluation of approximately 59,900 linear feet of gravity sewer, ranging in diameter from 8 to 30 inches. The resulting construction project consists of the rehabilitation of approximately 29,000 linear feet of gravity sewer, associated manholes, and service laterals within rights-of-way and easements. This project targets sewers located outside of CAP/ER rehabilitation areas and includes many sewers classified as high priority for evaluation due to observations of infiltration. Design began on May 30, 2017, and was completed in October 2017. Advertisement for construction is anticipated to occur in the second quarter of 2021.

### 4.3 North Fork of Ewing Creek Manhole Repairs

Field investigations of the gravity sewer system in the North Fork of Ewing Creek watershed area indicated numerous locations where the pipe-to-manhole connections had failed, allowing significant amounts of infiltration to enter the system. Almost 300 manholes were identified for evaluation and repair, primarily in the area south of Old Hickory Boulevard on either side of Dickerson Pike. This includes the Bellshire Estates neighborhood as well as portions of the planned Tuckahoe & Nesbitt Rehabilitation project area. Repair of the manholes was initiated during the second quarter of 2020 and is anticipated to conclude during the upcoming quarter.

## 4.4 High Priority Mill Creek Sewer Repairs

Metro conducted trunk/easement investigations and manhole inspections of the trunk sewer along Mill Creek in 2019 and 2020. That effort identified approximately 30 locations where immediate repairs were needed to secure the system and address major sources of infiltration/inflow. Those repair efforts were initiated during the second quarter of 2020 and were completed during the reporting period.



## Quarterly SSO and Dry-Weather CSO Report

During the reporting period, Metro experienced 33 SSOs, as listed in **Table 5-1**.

No dry-weather CSOs occurred during the reporting period.



**Table 5-1 Quarterly SSO Report** 

## Quarterly SSO Report October 1 through December 31, 2020

Event Start Date	Event End Date	Rainfall (inches)	Duration (hours)	Overflow Volume (MG)	Overflow Cause	Location Manhole ID	Location	Unpermitted Discharge	Building Backup
07-Oct-20	07-Oct-20	0	2.00	0.0001	Blockage	06105002	605 Broadmoor Dr	No	No
09-Oct-20	09-Oct-20	0.05	2.00	0.00001	Blockage	10816053	1917 Portman Dr	No	No
12-Oct-20	13-Oct-20	0.71	19.00	1.712	Mechanical	13609002	Smith Springs SPS	Yes	No
20-Oct-20	20-Oct-20	0	2.50	0.0001	Blockage	14913024	4701 Bowfield Dr	No	No
23-Oct-20	23-Oct-20	0.67	2.00	0.00001	Blockage	13001061	232B Harding Pl	No	No
27-Oct-20	27-Oct-20	0	1.00	0.00001	Blockage	05008006	3502 Dickerson Pk	No	No
30-Oct-20	30-Oct-20	0	1.00	0.00001	Blockage	05303001	1221 Bryan St	Yes	No
30-Oct-20	30-Oct-20	0	1.00	0.0001	Blockage	09206082	2619 Herman St	Yes	No
01-Nov-20	01-Nov-20	0	4.50	0.001	Blockage	12205043	100 Herron Point Dr	No	No
02-Nov-20	02-Nov-20	0	3.50	0.00001	Blockage	14706043	254 Blackman Rd	No	No
03-Nov-20	03-Nov-20	0	7.50	0.001	Blockage	09308017	998 S 6th St	Yes	No
04-Nov-20	04-Nov-20	0	1.00	0.0001	Blockage	04311068	1040 N Dupont Ave	No	No
07-Nov-20	07-Nov-20	0	1.00	0.0001	Blockage	15003109	3614 Wells Ct	No	No
12-Nov-20	12-Nov-20	0	2.00	0.001	Blockage	02201015	7227 Whites Creek Pl	Yes	No
12-Nov-20	13-Nov-20	0	27.00	0.0001	Line Break	11714120	3812 Hillsboro Pk	No	No
15-Nov-20	15-Nov-20	0.21	2.00	0.00001	Blockage	WMN033L061	913 Redstone Ln	Yes	No
27-Nov-20	27-Nov-20	0	4.00	0.0001	Blockage	13610044	2840 Lake Forrest Dr	No	No
28-Nov-20	29-Nov-20	0	30.00	0.001	Force Main	05206023	717 Howse Ave	No	No
06-Dec-20	06-Dec-20	0	10.00	0.00001	Line Break	10411092	523 Fairfax Ave	No	No
07-Dec-20	07-Dec-20	0	2.50	0.00001	Blockage	04101021	5000 Cobblestone Creek Dr	Yes	No
08-Dec-20	08-Dec-20	0	5.50	0.0001	Line Break	09612008	0 Stewarts Ferry Pk	No	No
14-Dec-20	14-Dec-20	1.38	9.17	0.559	Rainfall	10210012	Davidson Branch SPS	Yes	No
14-Dec-20	14-Dec-20	1.30	1.50	0.02	Rainfall	09510050	501 Bismark Dr	Yes	No
14-Dec-20	14-Dec-20	1.37	0.08	0.065	Electrical	09409003	Browns Creek SPS	Yes	No
15-Dec-20	15-Dec-20	0	1.50	0.001	Blockage	16211038	950 Brittany Park Dr	Yes	No
15-Dec-20	15-Dec-20	0	1.00	0.0001	Blockage	14710034	5029 Edmondson Pk	Yes	No
21-Dec-20	21-Dec-20	0.01	0.50	0.00001	Blockage	07112061	814 Chickasaw Ave	Yes	No
21-Dec-20	22-Dec-20	0	18.00	0.0001	Blockage	16115002	5837 Woodlands Ave	Yes	No



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Event Start Date	Event End Date	Rainfall (inches)	Duration (hours)	Overflow Volume (MG)	Overflow Cause	Location Manhole ID	Location	Unpermitted Discharge	Building Backup
24-Dec-20	24-Dec-20	0.34	2.00	0.0001	Blockage	16115004	5821 Woodlands Ave	Yes	No
24-Dec-20	24-Dec-20	0.88	2.17	0.006	Controller	08410007	149 Barker Rd	Yes	No
29-Dec-20	29-Dec-20	0	0.50	0.00001	Blockage	16406043	752 Bradburn Village Way	Yes	No
31-Dec-20	31-Dec-20	1.20	5.58	0.074	Rainfall	08410007	149 Barker Rd	Yes	No
31-Dec-20	31-Dec-20	1.23	15.25	0.918	Rainfall	10210012	Davidson Branch SPS	Yes	No



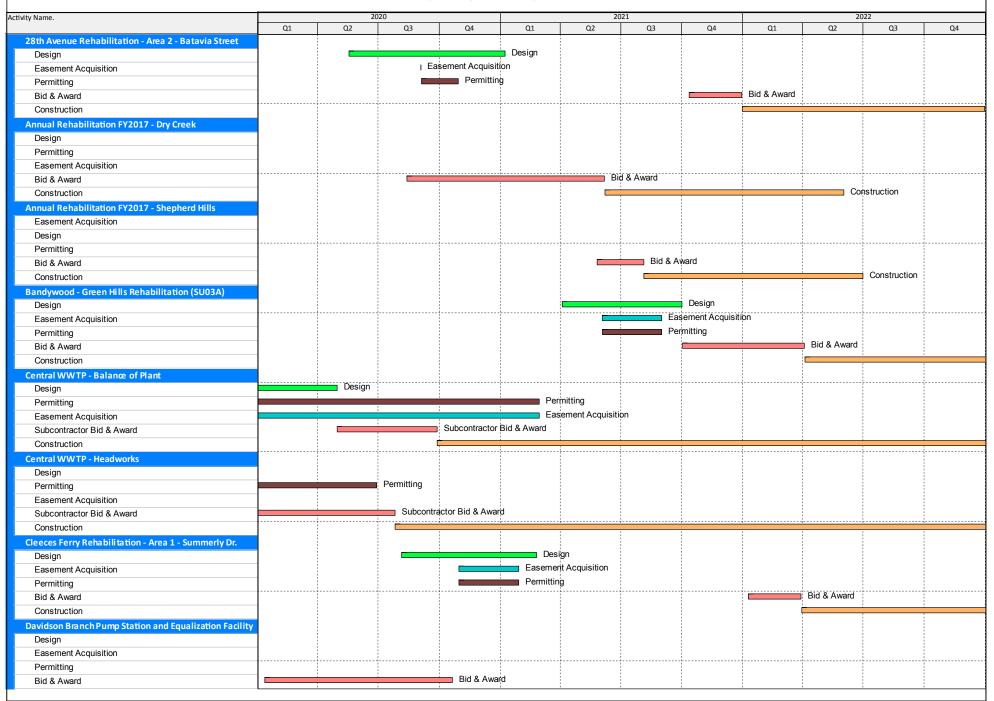
## Appendix A

**Schedule for Current and Upcoming Projects** 



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