WHAT IS A WASTEWATER CAPITAL RATE?
The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) is both a wastewater and stormwater utility. As such, funds must be accounted for separately. MSD submitted a rate proposal to its Rate Commission for wastewater rates for fiscal years 2021–2024 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024). These proposed changes would apply to all MSD customers.

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WASTEWATER SERVICE
MSD’s wastewater management involves the collection and treatment of “used” water from sinks, toilets, and floor drains at one of seven treatment plants. Here, the “used” water is treated to high standards before returning to our region’s waterways.

WASTEWATER PROPOSAL
MSD proposes authorization of $500 million in additional bonds to fund a four-year capital program. The bonds will make needed rate increases more manageable.
PROPOSAL OBJECTIVE
The wastewater rate proposal seeks to fund a four-year, $1.58 billion capital improvement program to meet regulatory and system improvement needs. Within this program, MSD would:

- Eliminate sanitary (wastewater) sewer overflows from sewer pipes
- Reduce combined sewer overflows (where wastewater and stormwater share a pipe)
- Prevent building backups
- Repair and rehabilitate and aging system
- Replace incinerators at Bissell and Lemay treatment plants
- Build tunnel from Fenton treatment plant to lower Meramec plant to eliminate the Fenton plant

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COST
Based on the typical monthly water usage of a single-family residence, a ratepayer’s monthly wastewater sewer bill would resemble the rates shown at left with and without bond approval.

The graphic at right shows how much of the average $56.40 monthly bill in FY2021 goes to:

1) operating and maintaining the system,
2) capital improvements, and
3) debt service

60 MILES OF NEW WASTEWATER SEWERS
64,000 MANHOLE INSPECTIONS
2,800 MILES OF ACOUSTIC INSPECTIONS
180 MILES OF SEWER REHABILITATION
300 DESIGN, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
190 WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
50 SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS REMOVED
1,120 MILES OF SEWER INSPECTED WITH CCTV

All numbers above are based on average usage of 600 cubic feet per month (Ccfs). This is the equivalent of 4,488 gallons.