

MSD Tunneling Projects

Fast Facts

General Information

Is MSD moving forward with this project?

Yes. MSD is committed to moving forward with the project on the current schedule and cannot postpone it (which was the case for a previous design) without jeopardizing compliance with Consent Decree deadlines.

The project is mandated by the Consent Decree with the EPA and the related CSO Long Term Control Plan.

Is there funding for the project?

Yes. The project will be funded and constructed. The specific financing approach—such as pay-as-you-go funding, bonding, or a combination of financing mechanisms—will be determined through the District's established rate-setting process.

While the rate-setting process will determine the specific mechanism and timing by which the project is financed, the outcome of that process is not whether the project will proceed, only which financing methods will be used.

Where can project information be found?

Until bid time, MSD will be providing updated information about the projects on the following MSD website location: [Lower & Middle River Des Peres Storage Tunnel - Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District](#).

Procurement Information

Pre-Bidder Meetings

MSD meetings with prequalified contractors will take place upon contractor request after March 27th, 2027, following completion of the prequalification process. Meetings will be confidential. The intent of these meetings is to hear about issues regarding the contract documents so MSD may take these concerns into consideration during completion of the final contract documents. MSD will not consider value engineering propositions.

Bidder Pre-Qualification

Contractors must be prequalified. Contractor pre-qualification packages will be distributed to a list of companies that have been identified either through trade magazines, as industry-leading contractors for large-diameter tunneling projects, and/or have expressed interest in the project. Contractors may verify their contacts on the pre-qualification outreach list by emailing LMRDPTunnel@stlmsd.com. The tentative important dates in the prequalification process can be found at [Contractor Interest - Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District](#).

M/WBE Program Guidelines for Evaluation of Bids

Part of the evaluation of bids process includes review of the subcontractor participation MBE and WBE percentages. Contractors must achieve the required MBE and WBE subcontractor goal percentages. Details regarding the M/WBE program will be presented at the Industry Day event.

Specification Information

Will a Dispute Review Board (DRB) be utilized?

Yes. MSD anticipates establishing a Dispute Review Board for the project. Additional details regarding the DRB will be provided at the Industry Day event.

Will Escrow Bid Documents be required?

Yes. MSD will require escrow bid documents. More information will be provided at the Industry Day event.

Will Partnering be utilized?

Yes. More information will be provided at the Industry Day event.