

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

1:30 PM

Chair: Kevin Anderson, District 7

ViceChair: Marion Greene, District 3

Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1

Irene Fernando, District 2

Angela Conley, District 4

Debbie Goettel, District 5

Heather Edelson, District 6

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. September 24, 2024 PW Minutes

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [24-0414](#)

Authorization to submit a grant application under USDOT's FY 2025 Bridge Investment Program for Hennepin Avenue Bridges Reconditioning (CP 2164000)

2.B. [24-0415](#)

Neg Agmt PW 39-84-24 with BNSF for replacement of the railroad crossing surface on 93rd Avenue (CSAH 30) in Maple Grove (CP 2201100), (est county cost: \$190,000 Property Tax)

2.C. [24-0416](#)

Neg Agmt PW 60-13-23 with Golden Valley for pedestrian improvements along Winnetka Avenue (CSAH 156); accept conveyance of easements and interests; incr 2024 capital budget for CP 2183300 (est county cost \$200,400 - city)

2.D. [24-0417](#)

Agmt PR00006562 with Alliant Engineering, Inc. for preliminary design engineering and professional services for reconstruction of Minnetonka Boulevard (CSAH 5) in St. Louis Park (CP 2168000), 10/29/24-12/31/27; transfer funds from CP 2183400 to CP 2168000 & incr budget of CP 2168000; (county cost: NTE \$1,600,000 state aid)

2.E. [24-0418](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for final design engineering for Nicollet Avenue (CSAH 52) reconstruction (CP 2120800), incr NTE by \$1.3M, ext end date to 12/01/28; (county cost NTE \$2.55M state aid)

Items for Discussion and Action

2.F. [24-0419](#)

Adopt the 2024 -2029 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan

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Board Action Request

TMP-1457

Item Description:

September 24, 2024 PW Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

1:30 PM

Chair: Kevin Anderson, District 7
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Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
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Commissioner Kevin Anderson, Chair, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, September 24, 2024 to order at 3:28 p.m.

Present: Kevin Anderson, Marion Greene, Irene Fernando, Angela Conley, Debbie Goettel, Jeff Lunde and Heather Edelson

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. September 10, 2024 Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Heather Edelson, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Edelson

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [24-0391](#)

Amd 1 to Work Order PR00005896 with U of M to provide support for land-based greenhouse gas accounting, ext date to 12/31/26, incr NTE to \$400,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Edelson

2.B. [24-0392](#)

Neg Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005972 with TRPD for a habitat improvement and water quality project, no change to period, incr NTE to \$114,150

CONSENT

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Edelson

Items for Discussion and Action

2.C. [24-0394](#)

Approval of the physical design component of the preliminary design plans for the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Edelson

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, September 24, 2024 was declared adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

Board Action Request

24-0414

Item Description:

Authorization to submit a grant application under USDOT's FY 2025 Bridge Investment Program for Hennepin Avenue Bridges Reconditioning (CP 2164000)

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has given notice that discretionary funding through the Bridge Investment Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 - 2026 is available for Planning, Bridge, and Large Bridge Projects.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to submit an application for the FY 2025 United States Department of Transportation Bridge Investment Program (USDOT BIP) grant for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 52 (Hennepin Avenue) Bridges Reconditioning Project (County Project 2164000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this project by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by the county for this project when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

The USDOT BIP discretionary grant program has made \$9.6 billion available for grant applications in federal FY 2023 - 2026. Applications for FY 2025 funding are due November 1, 2024. Awards will be made on a competitive basis according to the established program criteria.

BIP discretionary grant awards range from \$2.5 million to \$80 million per project. A minimum local match is required for projects. The county's grant application is anticipated to request \$50.5 million in federal funds. The non-federal project funding is anticipated to include the following:

- \$12.7 million in state aid

The Hennepin Avenue Bridges Reconditioning Project reflect the county's priorities for asset condition, safety, and accessibility. In addition, this project will complement a major regional transit investment, the E Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit service.

Current Request:

This request seeks to authorize the county administrator to apply for a USDOT's federal discretionary BIP grant for fiscal year 2025 for the Hennepin Avenue Bridges Reconditioning Project, CP 2164000.

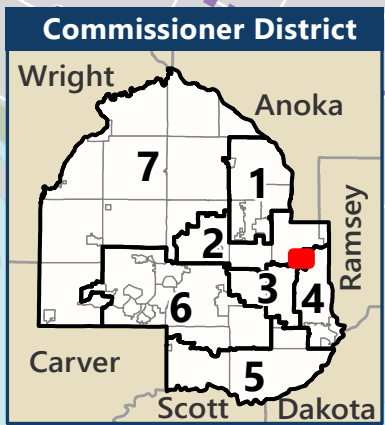
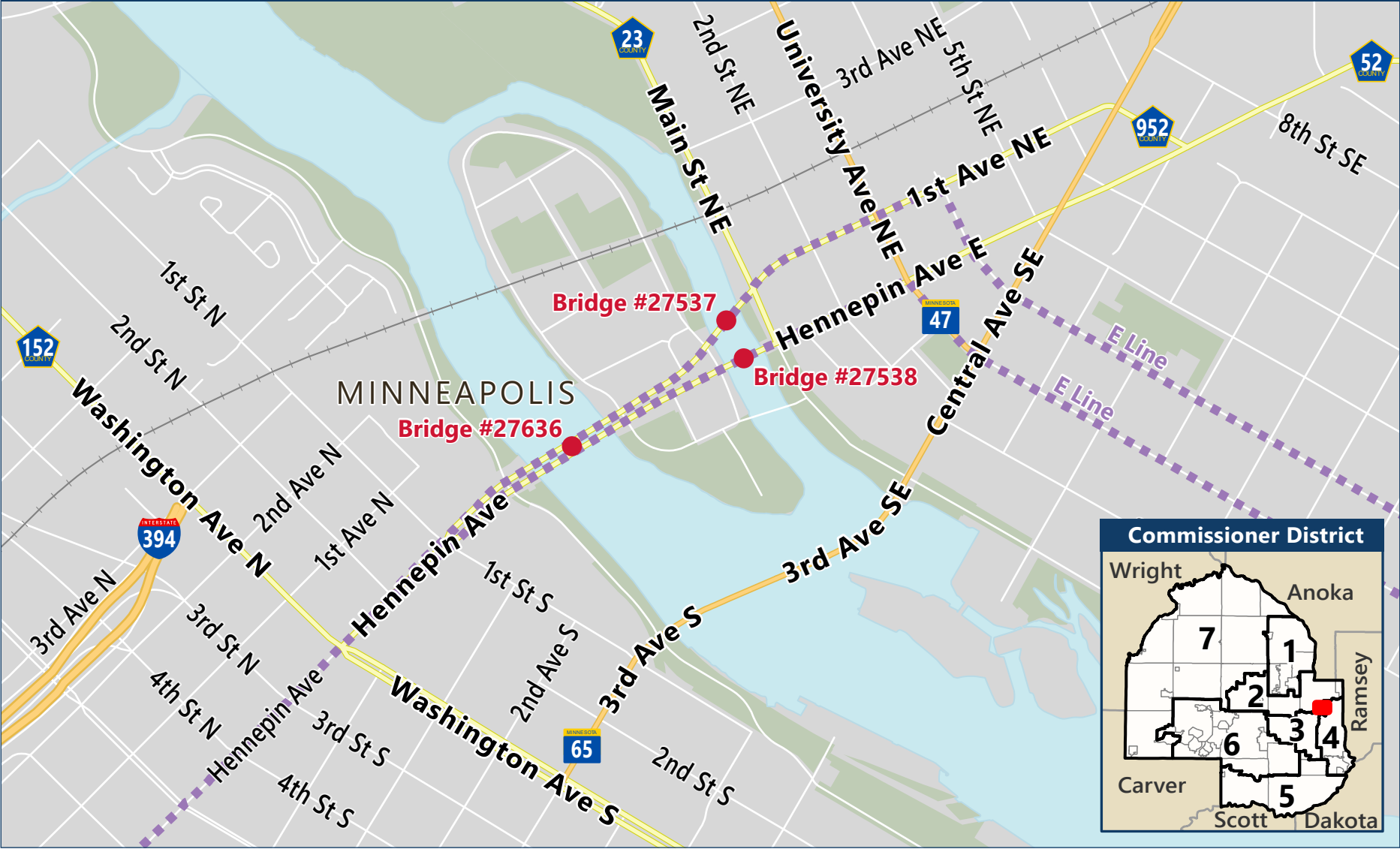
Impacts/Outcomes:

Federal discretionary funding through the USDOT's BIP will support the county's transportation needs, disparity reduction efforts, and climate action goals through the timely preservation of the nationally significant Hennepin Avenue bridges.

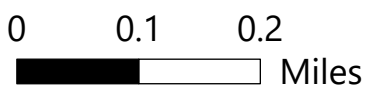
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2164000 | 2025 Bridge Investment Program

Hennepin Avenue (CSAH 52) Bridges Reconditioning Project



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Board Action Request

24-0415

Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 39-84-24 with BNSF for replacement of the railroad crossing surface on 93rd Avenue (CSAH 30) in Maple Grove (CP 2201100), (est county cost: \$190,000 Property Tax)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 39-84-24 with BNSF Railway Company for construction and maintenance of a new concrete crossing surface on County State Aid Highway 30 (93rd Avenue) between Forestview Lane and County Road 81 (DOT # 095646-D) in the city of Maple Grove (Capital Project 2201100), at an estimated county cost of \$190,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

BNSF Railway Company operates a freight transportation system serving the Minneapolis and St. Paul area. BNSF's tracks cross County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 30 (93rd Avenue) between Forestview Lane and County Road 81 in the city of Maple Grove. This 176-foot crossing surface has deteriorated and has been identified as needing replacement.

BNSF will install a new concrete crossing surface on 93rd Avenue in the 2025 construction season. The new crossing surface will adequately cover all vehicular driving lanes and all sidewalks. The county will detour vehicular and pedestrian traffic during construction, and repair and replace the sidewalk and bituminous roadway surface up to the edge of the new crossing surface.

Funding for the project is available in the CP 2201100 - Cost Participation and Partnerships 2024-2028, with expenses tracked in its associated subproject CP 2201119.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to negotiate and execute Agreement PW 39-84-24 with BNSF for construction and maintenance of concrete crossing surface on 93rd Avenue between Forestview Lane and County Road 81 (DOT # 095646-D) in the city of Maple Grove at an estimated county cost of \$190,000.

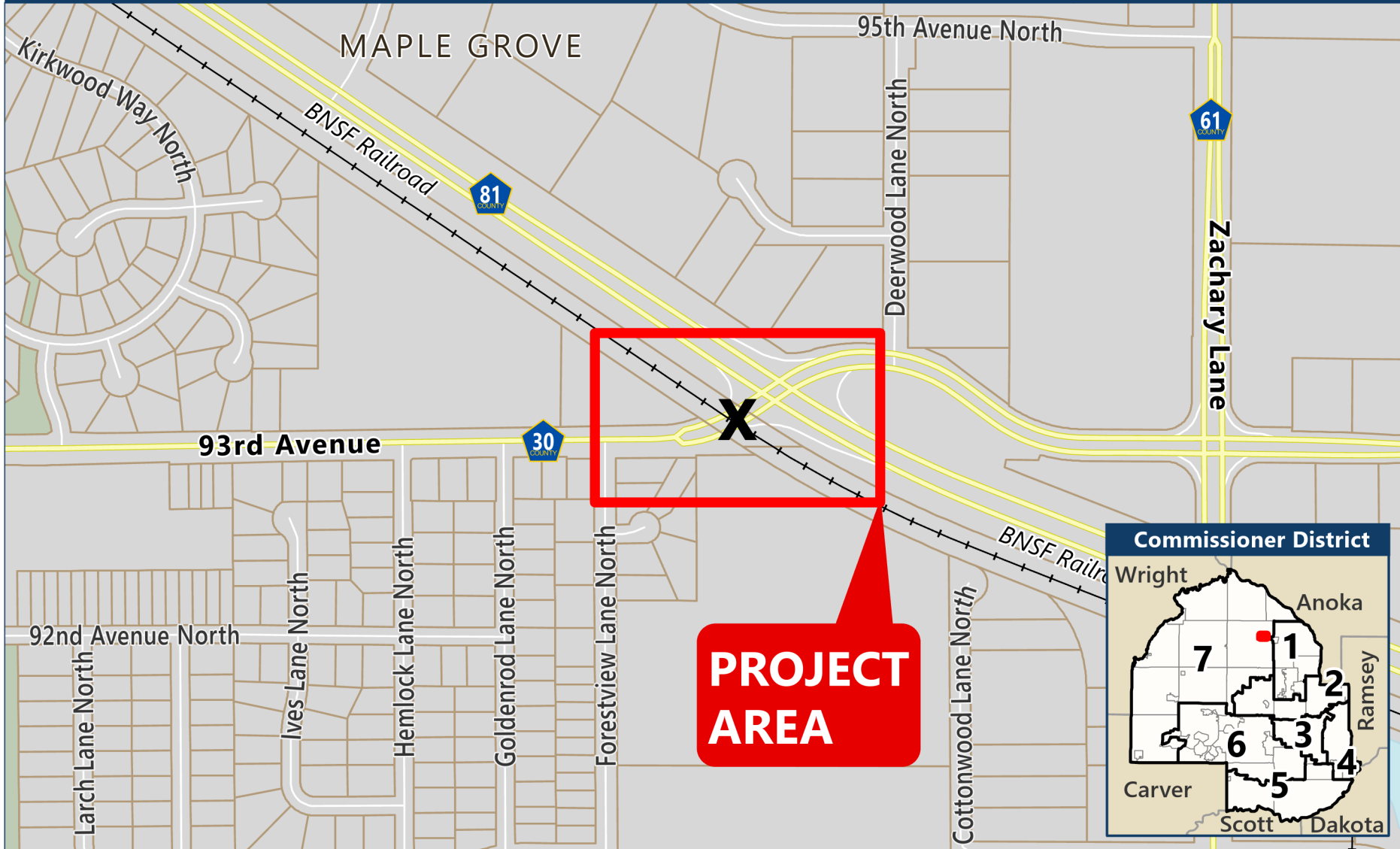
Impact/Outcomes:

Approval of this action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts and climate action goals by enhancing accessibility, safety, and mobility along 93rd Avenue for all people using this crossing to reach their destinations.

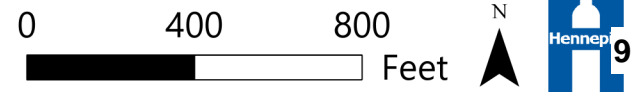
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Agreement PW 39-84-24

CSAH 30 BNSF Railroad Crossing Replacement | Hennepin County Public Works



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Board Action Request

24-0416

Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 60-13-23 with Golden Valley for pedestrian improvements along Winnetka Avenue (CSAH 156); accept conveyance of easements and interests; incr 2024 capital budget for CP 2183300 (est county cost \$200,400 - city)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 60-13-23 with the City of Golden Valley for pedestrian improvements and cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 156 (Winnetka Avenue) generally between Trunk Highway (TH) 55 and Orkla Drive, county project (CP) 2183300, at an estimated cost of \$200,400 and estimated receivable of \$200,400; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to accept conveyance of permanent easements and interest over the railroad necessary for this project from the City of Golden Valley (Agreement PW 60-13-23) through a quit claim deed; and that the County Administrator be authorized to sign any instruments of conveyance of such easements and interests from the City of Golden Valley for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to receive and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024 capital budget for CP 2183300 be increased by \$200,400.

Background:

The county, in collaboration with the city, is leading an improvement project along Winnetka Avenue from Trunk Highway 55 to Orkla Drive with accessibility, traffic signal, and pedestrian facility upgrades. New sidewalk will be constructed to close an existing gap. The project is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2025.

Agreement PW 60-13-23 identifies the county as the lead agency for construction, assigns maintenance responsibilities after project completion, and conveys permanent easements along Winnetka Avenue and the interest in the road over the railroad from the city to the county through a quick claim deed.

Funding for the project is available in CP 2183300 - Safety and Asset Management, with expenses tracked in its associated subproject CP 2183346 - 2023 Americans with Disability Act Program Phase 6.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to negotiate Agreement PW 60-13-23 with Golden Valley for pedestrian improvements and cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for Winnetka Avenue between Trunk Highway 55 and Orkla Drive (CP 2183300). The county will install new sidewalk and provide construction engineering services at an estimated cost of \$200,400, which will be reimbursed by the city. This request also seeks authorization to transfer permanent easements and interest in the road over the railroad from the city to

the county through a quick claim deed. Additionally, this request seeks authorization to increase the 2024 capital budget for CP 2183300 by \$200,400.

Impacts/Outcomes:

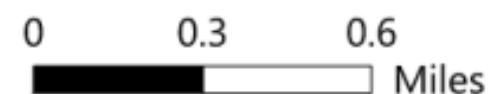
These improvements will support the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation.

Budget table: CP 2183300 Safety and Asset Management 2019-2023

Revenues:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Total Project
Property Tax	995,000		995,000
Wheelage Tax	186,515		186,515
County Bonds	17,231,260		17,231,260
Federal (CRRSAA)	2,508,388		2,508,388
Mn/DOT State Aid - Regular	16,007,714		16,007,714
Golden Valley		200,400	200,400
Minnetonka	80,000		80,000
Plymouth	350,000		350,000
Ramsey County	84,000		84,000
Wright County	376,000		376,000
Total	37,818,877	200,400	38,019,277
Expenditures:			
Construction	36,999,877	183,700	37,183,577
Consulting	524,000	16,700	540,700
Contingency	295,000		295,000
Total	37,818,877	200,400	38,019,277

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Winnetka Ave (CSAH 156) | ADA Project Location



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Board Action Request

24-0417

Item Description:

Agmt PR00006562 with Alliant Engineering, Inc. for preliminary design engineering and professional services for reconstruction of Minnetonka Boulevard (CSAH 5) in St. Louis Park (CP 2168000), 10/29/24-12/31/27; transfer funds from CP 2183400 to CP 2168000 & incr budget of CP 2168000; (county cost: NTE \$1,600,000 state aid)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Agreement PR00006562 with Alliant Engineering, Incorporated to provide preliminary design engineering and professional services for the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 (Minnetonka Boulevard) from Xylon Avenue to Vernon Avenue S in the city of Saint Louis Park, county project (CP) 2168000, during the period October 29, 2024 through December 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the revenues for CP 2168000 be increased by \$200,000 using State Aid Regular funding transferred from CP 2183400 (Project Delivery TSCA 1st Gen); that the overall project budget for CP 2168000 be increased by \$200,000 (from \$30,500,000, as proposed in the 2025-2029 Capital improvement Program, to \$30,700,000); and that the Controller be authorized to accept, transfer, and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

This segment of Minnetonka Blvd is nearing the end of its service life and needs to be reconstructed. The county, in partnership with the city, is leading the project, which includes the following:

- New sidewalk, pavement, curb and gutter, and storm water structures
- Accessibility and bikeway improvements including crossing enhancements
- Intersection improvements

As the design begins, the project team will build on previous planning and engagement efforts to develop concepts that best meet the project goals and serve the community's needs. The project is scheduled for construction in 2027.

On June 6, 2024, the county sent out a request for proposals for preliminary design engineering and professional services using the enterprise contracting process and six firms responded. Through a quality-based competitive selection process, Alliant Engineering was selected and is committed to meeting the 14% small and minority business project goal.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to execute agreement PR00006562 with Alliant Engineering for preliminary design engineering and professional services for Minnetonka Blvd reconstruction, CP 2168000, during the period October 29, 2024 through December 31, 2027, NTE \$1,600,000.

Additionally, the request seeks authorization to increase the budget for CP 2168000 by \$200,000 funded by a transfer from CP 2183400 into CP 2168000, increasing the overall project budget to \$30,700,000.

Impacts/Outcomes:

This action will support the county's Mobility 2040, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for all transportation users along the project corridor.

Budget table 1: CP 2168000 Minnetonka Blvd Phase 2

REVENUE:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total Project
Federal - Other - Roads			7,000,000	7,000,000
Mn/DOT State Aid - Regular		200,000	17,445,000	17,645,000
Saint Louis Park			4,665,000	4,665,000
Fund Transfer - Metro Tax – Complete St			1,390,000	1,390,000
Total		\$200,000	\$30,500,000	\$30,700,000
EXPENDITURE:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total Project
Right of Way			3,130,000	3,130,000
Construction			17,320,000	17,320,000
Consulting		200,000	4,850,000	5,050,000
Contingency			5,200,000	5,200,000
Total		\$200,000	\$30,500,000	\$30,700,000

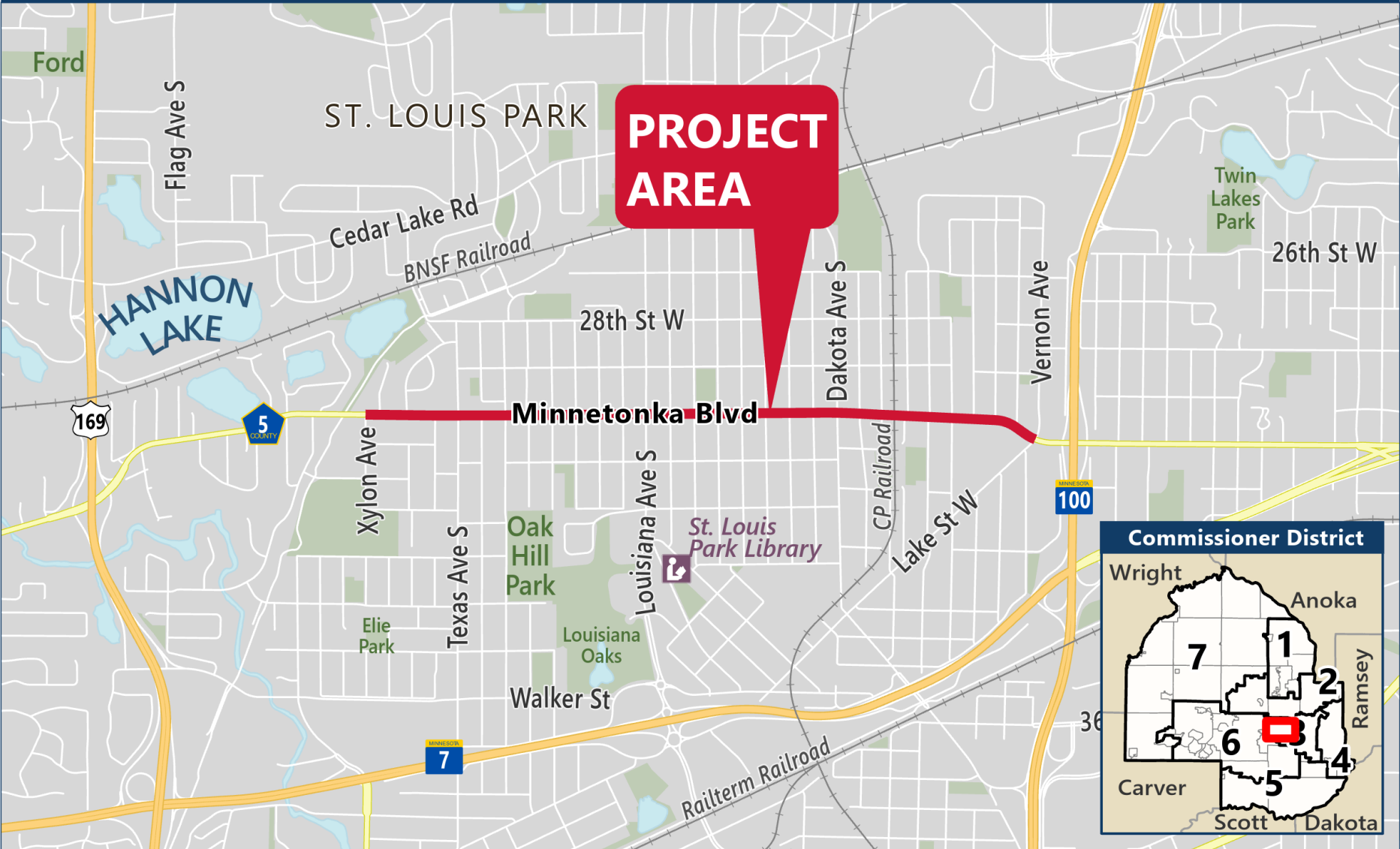
Budget table 2: CP 2183400 (2019-2023 PD TSCA 1st Gen

REVENUE:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total Project
Property Tax	820,000			820,000
Mn/DOT State Aid - Regular	1,410,000	(200,000)		1,210,000
Total	\$2,230,000	(\$200,000)		\$2,030,000
EXPENDITURE:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total Project
Right of Way	320,000			320,000
Consulting	1,910,000	(200,000)		1,710,000
Total	\$2,230,000	(\$200,000)		\$2,030,000

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2168000 | Agmt PR00006562

CSAH 5 (Minnetonka Blvd) Phase II Reconstruction in St. Louis Park



BAR map date:
8/22/2024

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Board Action Request

24-0418

Item Description:

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for final design engineering for Nicollet Avenue (CSAH 52) reconstruction (CP 2120800), incr NTE by \$1.3M, ext end date to 12/01/28; (county cost NTE \$2.55M state aid)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to provide final design engineering and professional services for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 52 (Nicollet Avenue) reconstruction in Richfield between 77th and 66th streets, county project (CP) 2120800, extending the contract end date to December 1, 2028 and increasing the contract amount by \$1,300,000 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$2,550,000; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The county, in collaboration with the City of Richfield, plans to reconstruct Nicollet Avenue from 77th Street to 66th Street. The project will incorporate a Complete and Green Streets design with new pavement, curb, and roundabouts; upgrade storm water, water main, and sanitary sewer utilities; enhance multi-modal facilities; and replace pedestrian infrastructure to meet current accessibility standards.

In 2023 the county entered into Agreement PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for preliminary design engineering services for the project at a county cost not to exceed \$1,250,000 (Resolution 23-0163). Additional services are needed to complete the project design. Project funding is available in CP 2120800 - Reconstruct Nicollet Avenue S from 77th Street to 66th Street.

The county will continue its community engagement as the project continues into final design. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2026 with substantial completion in 2027.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to execute Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for final design engineering and professional services for the Nicollet Avenue reconstruction project, CP 2120800, increasing the contract amount to a new not to exceed total of \$2,550,000, and extending the contract expiration date from December 27, 2024 to December 1, 2028.

Impacts/Outcomes:

This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation users.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2120800

Nicollet Ave (CSAH 52) Reconstruction in Richfield



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Board Action Request

24-0419

Item Description:

Adopt the 2024 -2029 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan 2022-2042 establishes the framework for managing the Twin Cities metropolitan area's solid waste for the next 20 years in accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 473.149, guides the development and activities of solid waste management which must be followed by the counties in the metro area, and supports the goals of the Waste Management Act hierarchy, improving public health, reducing the reliance on landfills, conserving energy and natural resources, and reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 473.803 requires metropolitan counties to prepare solid waste management plans every six years that implement the state's Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan and that includes strategies for complying with the recycling requirements of Minnesota Statute § 115A.551; and

WHEREAS, the county is committed to achieving a zero-waste future and has defined zero waste as preventing 90% or more of all discarded materials from being landfilled or incinerated; and

WHEREAS, the county's Climate Action Plan set one of the most ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets among climate leaders and included bold strategies on preventing food waste, tackling plastics pollution, and advocating for state leadership on zero-waste policies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System and Zero Waste Plan identify the highest impact actions, provide a roadmap for implementation, accelerate progress toward zero waste and closure and repurposing of the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC), establish a dashboard with criteria to be met to responsibly close HERC, and serve as the foundation of the 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the county's Solid Waste Management Plan far exceeds the minimum requirements of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan; therefore

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024-2029 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan be adopted.

Background:

Hennepin County, like all metro area counties, must submit a county-specific plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that implements the Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan (metro policy plan) (Minn. Stat. § 473.803). The metro policy plan and the county-specific plan that must follow it, must align with the state goals to reduce waste, increase recycling, and abate landfilling. (Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.02, 473.149, 473.803). The Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan (county solid waste plan) complies with these statutory mandates, covers solid waste planning for the period of 2024-2029, and advances a zero-waste future.

In 2021, the county adopted its Climate Action Plan. Hennepin County was the first county in the state to have a climate action plan and set one of the most ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets among climate leaders. The Hennepin County Climate Action Plan includes bold strategies on preventing food waste, tackling plastics pollution, and advocating for state leadership on zero-waste policies.

Also in 2021, Hennepin County commissioned a Zero Waste Plan to define what it will take to get to a future that doesn't rely on landfilling or incineration. Staff led an extensive planning and engagement process that spanned nearly two years and centered the voices of community members and organizations traditionally not engaged in solid waste planning. Research for the Zero Waste Plan provided a gaps analysis of our solid waste system compared with national and international zero-waste leaders. The 62 actions included in the Zero Waste Plan were informed by data and driven by the community to achieve maximum impact.

The state goal is to achieve a 75% recycling rate by 2030. The county is committed to achieving a zero-waste future and has defined zero waste as preventing 90% or more of all discarded materials from being landfilled or incinerated. The Climate Action Plan, the Zero Waste Plan and this definition serve as the foundation of the county solid waste plan.

After the Zero Waste Plan was finalized, the county board sought additional information on the county's waste-to-energy facility and its role in the solid waste system. During the next six months, the county board reviewed a significant amount of information on legal, financial, and environmental factors associated with the county's solid waste system.

These discussions resulted in the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System by aggressively pursuing zero-waste policies, programming, and infrastructure and advocating for policy changes at the state level to move toward zero waste and make meaningful progress toward reducing climate emissions. The plan includes zero-waste legislative platform priorities, 12 prioritized zero-waste actions, and a zero-waste dashboard to track progress toward responsibly closing and repurposing the HERC.

The county's zero-waste priorities not only address most of the strategies in the metro policy plan, they go further. By continuing our existing programs and initiatives, the county fulfills the required strategies and far exceeds the minimum requirement of 75 points for optional strategies. The county solid waste plan incorporates 52 strategies totaling 148 points.

To facilitate public involvement in the development of the county solid waste plan, staff built from the broad base of learning from the development of the Zero Waste Plan, gathered further input on the implementation of prioritized zero-waste actions with cities and haulers, conducted a representative survey of county residents about their opinions on recycling programs and level of support for zero-waste actions, and leveraged existing outreach opportunities with partners, such as the Trusted Messengers participants. A draft of the plan was made available for public comment between August 13 and September 4, 2024. The county received 86 comments from cities, environmental advocacy groups and residents. Key findings from public feedback and a summary of changes made to the plan based on feedback is available at www.BeHeardHennepin.org/solid-waste-plan.

The county's plan must be approved by the board and submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency no later than October 29, 2024.

Current Request:

This request is seeking adoption of the county's 2024-2029 Solid Waste Management Plan to comply with Minn. Stat. § 473.803 and the requirement to prepare and submit a solid waste management plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for approval; meet the requirements of Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.551, 115A.96, 473.149, 473.803, and 473.848; and fulfill county responsibilities for planning and managing an integrated solid waste system.

Impact/Outcomes:

This plan outlines Hennepin County's vision of a reinvented solid waste system: a zero-waste future where less waste is created in the first place, where everyone shares responsibility, and where everyone benefits from easily accessible services. This system has widespread participation in programs and social norms that align with zero waste.

Ultimately, the success of this plan will be determined by the level of systemic change: state leadership on zero-waste policies; funding and infrastructure development that matches the scope of the challenges and the ambition of the goals; ability for counties, cities, agencies and environmental advocates to align efforts; and actions by businesses and residents to make zero waste a reality. This will result in a circular economy, ensure an equitable system, and achieve climate and zero-waste goals.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval