

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

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. March 18, 2025 Minutes

Attachments: [PW-COMMITTEEMINUTES-18-Mar-2025](#)

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0124](#)

Neg Amd 1 to PW 25-20-21 with Minneapolis for CSAH 40 (Glenwood Avenue) reconstruction (CP 2999968), (est. county cost \$5,245,424 county bonds, est recv \$2,591,144); no change to total project budget

Attachments: [Map of CP 2999968 in Minneapolis](#)

2.B. [25-0125](#)

Amd 1 to Work Order 4 for Agmt PR00003183 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to include final design and professional services, extend period to 12/31/27, and incr NTE by \$379,298 for a new total NTE of \$877,714 (county bonds)

Attachments: [Map of CP 2220900 in Rogers and Dayton](#)

2.C. [25-0126](#)

Neg Agmt 12-40-25 with MnDOT and Deco Cultural Services LLC to perform an architectural history survey of CSAH 152 in Minneapolis (CP 2220200) (est. county cost \$6,000 - state aid)

Attachments: [Map CP 2220200 Cedar Ave S in Minneapolis](#)

2.D. [25-0127](#)

Neg Agmt PW 11-84-25 with BNSF for replacement of the railroad crossing surface on CSAH 8 in Brooklyn Park (CP 2201100), (est county cost: \$85,000 County Bonds)

Attachments: [Map: CP 2201121 in Brooklyn Park](#)

2.E. [25-0128](#)

Amd 1 to Work Order 1 for PR00002248 with Houston Engineering, Inc. for final design services for CSAH 10 between CSAH 50 and CSAH 19, (CP 2210400), extend to 12/31/26, increase NTE by \$761,805 for a new total NTE of \$1,140,723 (county bonds)

Attachments: [Map CP 2210404 Woodland Trail.pdf](#)

2.F. [25-0129](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00004810 with Jonathan Bottema for wetland restoration and prairie installation, ext end date to 12/31/26, incr NTE by \$20,000 for new total NTE of \$144,000

2.G. [25-0130](#)

Neg grant agmts for aquatic invasive species prevention projects, various periods, total combined NTE \$60,156

2.H. [25-0131](#)

Neg Agmt PW 14-85-25 with Soo Line Railroad to replace the railroad crossing surface on CSAH 92 in Greenfield, (CP 2210400), est county cost \$68,250 (county bonds)

Attachments: [Map of CP 2210408 in Greenfield](#)

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Board Action Request

TMP-25-0212

Item Description:

March 18, 2025 Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025
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Commissioner Kevin Anderson, Chair, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, March 18, 2025 to order at 2:10 p.m.

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

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. February 25, 2025 Minutes

APPROVE

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

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

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0095](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00004488 with City of Minneapolis for organics processing, extending term to 03/31/29, establishing rate of \$26/ton, and adjusting rate annually per CPI

RETURN TO AUTHOR

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to return the Resolution to staff.

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

2.B. [25-0096](#)

Amd 1 to Work Order PR00006042 with the U of M to have MnTAP continue performing outreach and assistance to preschools, K-12 schools, and higher education institutions, extending period to 04/30/28, new NTE \$301,270

CONSENT

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.C. [25-0097](#)

Agmt PR00007042 with Stantec Consulting Services for design engineering and public outreach for reconstruction of CSAH 32 (Penn Ave) in Richfield (CP 2120700), 3/25/25-12/31/26, county cost NTE \$1,800,000 (Transportation Advancement Account - Complete Streets)

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.D. [25-0098](#)

Neg Agmt PW 01-04-25 with Brooklyn Park and Three Rivers Park District for the Rush Creek Regional Trail crossing improvements at CSAH 103; CP 2201100, (est county cost: \$500,000 County Bonds)

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.E. [25-0099](#)

Neg Agmt PW 03-04-25 with Brooklyn Park and Champlin, CP 2201100 (est county cost: \$171,000 Property Tax & \$329,000 County Bonds)

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.F. [25-0100](#)

Neg Agmt PW 09-06-25 with Mound for pedestrian improvements along CSAH 15; transfer funds from CP 2183300 to CP 2201100 & incr capital budget for CP 2201100 (county cost: \$500,000 county bonds, \$220,000 state aid)

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.G. [25-0101](#)

Neg Agmt 07-85-25 with Soo Line Railroad for pavement rehabilitation along CSAH 92; CP 2210400 (est county cost \$1,500 County Bonds)

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.H. [25-0102](#)

Various Agmts related to the construction and cost participation in CSAH 66 trail and multimodal safety improvements, (CP 2211000) (est cost \$2,473,410, est rec \$137,035)

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, March 18, 2025 was declared adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Sheri Selton
Deputy Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

25-0124

Item Description:

Neg Amd 1 to PW 25-20-21 with Minneapolis for CSAH 40 (Glenwood Avenue) reconstruction (CP 2999968), (est. county cost \$5,245,424 county bonds, est recv \$2,591,144); no change to total project budget

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement PW 25-20-21 with the City of Minneapolis for the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 40 (Glenwood Avenue) from Aldrich Avenue to 10th Street, county project (CP) 2999968, decreasing the estimated receivable by \$214,500 to \$2,591,144; 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 the Controller be authorized to receive the funds as directed.

Background:

Hennepin County, in coordination with the City of Minneapolis and Metropolitan Council, led a project to reconstruct Glenwood Avenue from Aldrich Avenue to 10th Street. The project enhanced connections to the Southwest Green Line Light Rail Transit Royalston station. Improvements included upgrades to accessibility, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, streetscape and landscape, signals, and drainage.

The county previously entered into Agreement PW 25-20-21 with the City of Minneapolis for the project (county board resolutions 22-0298 and 23-0212). The proposed amendment will reduce the city's share by \$214,500 in recognition of previous city storm sewer investments in the project area.

Project funding was established in CP 2999968 - Southwest LRT Partnership Participation, with expenses tracked in subproject 2154001.

Current Request: This request seeks authorization to negotiate and execute Amendment 1 to Agreement PW 25-20-21 with the City of Minneapolis, reducing the city's share by \$214,500 for storm sewer work previously completed by the city, with no changes to the total project budget.

Impacts/Outcomes: This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multi-modal transportation.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2999968

CSAH 40 (Glenwood Ave) Reconstruction in Minneapolis



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Board Action Request

25-0125

Item Description:

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Amendment 1 to Work Order 4 for Contract PR00003183 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to include final design and professional services for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 13 (Brockton Lane) rehabilitation in the cities of Rogers and Dayton, county project (CP) 2220900, increase the contract amount to \$877,714, and extend the contract period to December 31, 2027; 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 the funds as directed.

Background:

The county, in coordination with the cities of Rogers and Dayton, is leading a project along Brockton Lane to extend the life of the roadway. The improvements will include:

- Pavement rehabilitation
- Safety improvements
- Culvert replacements

In 2023, the county executed Work Order 4 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for a feasibility study along Brockton Lane. The study analyzed various alternatives for the upcoming pavement rehabilitation project. The county will continue its coordination and collaboration with our city partners and the community as the project continues into final design, with construction scheduled in 2027.

The original amount of the work order was \$498,416, and this amendment would increase the amount by \$379,298, for a new not to exceed total of \$877,714. Funding for the final design and professional services is available in CP 2220900 - 2027-2031 Pvmt Rehab Prgm, with expenditures tracked in 2220901 - 2027 Pvmt Rehab CSAH 13.

Current Request: This request seeks authorization to execute Amendment 1 to Work Order 4 for Contract PR00003183 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to include final design and professional services for the CSAH 13 rehabilitation project, increase the not to exceed amount to \$877,714, and extend the period to December 31, 2027.

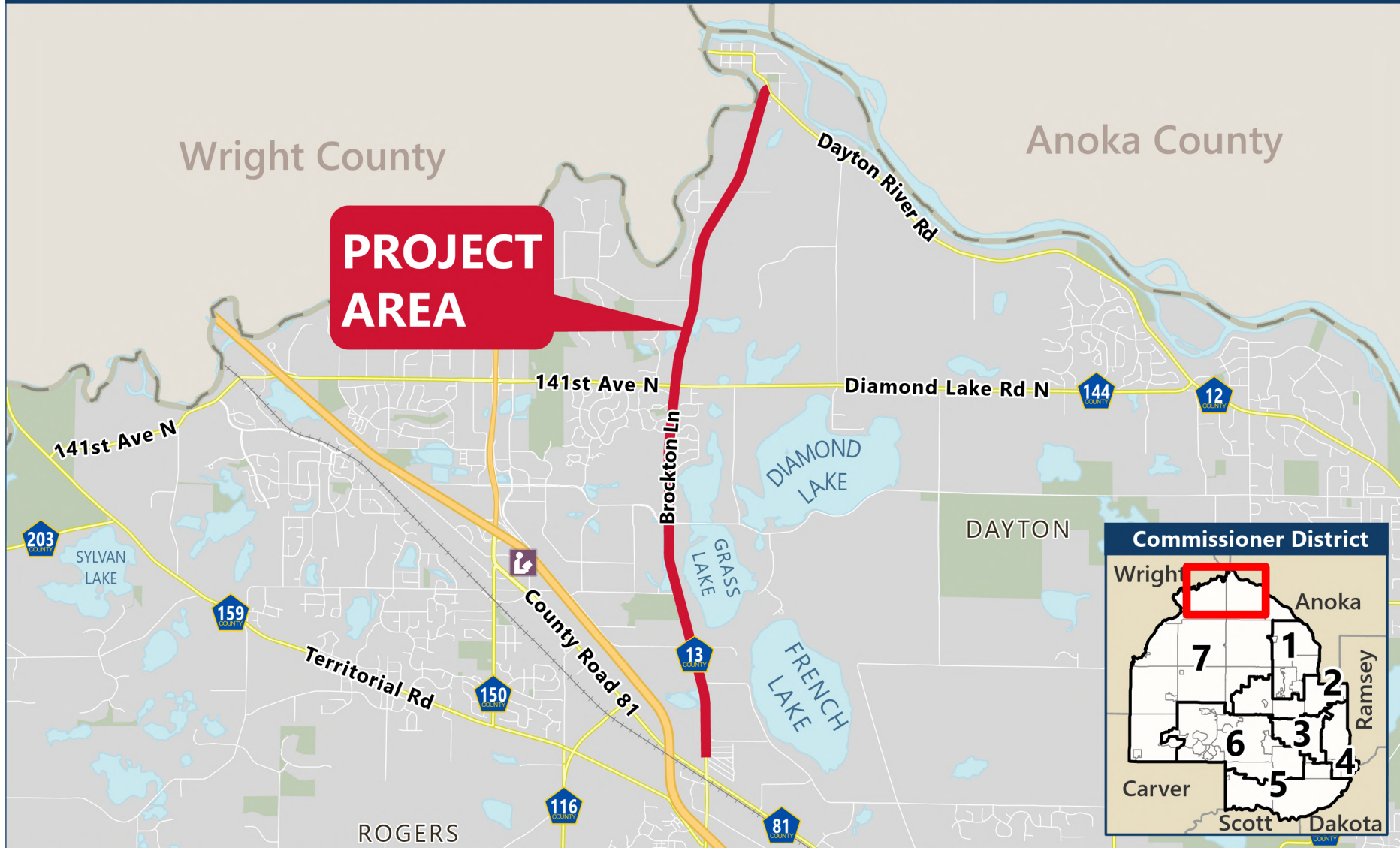
Impacts/Outcomes: This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by preserving and modernizing our transportation system and improving accessibility, mobility, and safety.

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Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2220900

CSAH 13 (Brockton Lane) Pavement Rehabilitation & Multiuse Trail Project in Dayton and Rogers



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Board Action Request

25-0126

Item Description:

Neg Agmt 12-40-25 with MnDOT and Deco Cultural Services LLC to perform an architectural history survey of CSAH 152 in Minneapolis (CP 2220200) (est. county cost \$6,000 - state aid)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 12-40-25 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Deco Cultural Services LLC to perform an architectural history survey of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 152 (Cedar Avenue) from 24th Street to CSAH 3 (Lake Street) in Minneapolis, county project (CP) 2220200, at an estimated county cost of \$6,000; that upon 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 the funds as directed.

Background:

Hennepin County, in coordination with the City of Minneapolis, is leading a roadway reconstruction project, which will include a complete and green streets design, along Cedar Avenue between 24th Street and Lake Street.

The project is partially funded with federal funds. The Federal Highway Administration requires that projects using federal funds comply with the National Historic Preservation Act and complete an architectural history survey. MnDOT will manage this survey, which will be completed by Deco Cultural Services.

Agreement PW 12-40-25 will authorize MnDOT and Deco Cultural Services LLC to perform the architectural history survey of the project corridor. MnDOT will pay 80% percent of the consultant cost and Hennepin County will pay 20%. The county's estimated cost is \$6,000 and adequate funding is available in the project budget. The survey is anticipated to begin in 2025.

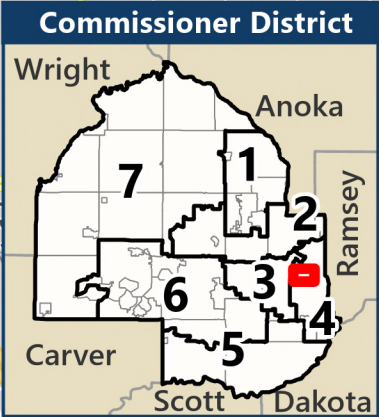
Current Request: This request seeks authorization to negotiate Agreement PW 12-40-25 with MnDOT and Deco Cultural Services LLC to perform an architectural history survey of Cedar Avenue, CP 2220200, at an estimated county cost of \$6,000.

Impacts/Outcomes: Approval of this request will enable the county to complete the survey that is needed to receive federal funding for this project.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2220200

Cedar Ave (CSAH 152) Reconstruction from Lake St (CSAH 3) to 24th St in Minneapolis



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Board Action Request

25-0127

Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 11-84-25 with BNSF for replacement of the railroad crossing surface on CSAH 8 in Brooklyn Park (CP 2201100), (est county cost: \$85,000 County Bonds)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 11-84-25 with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway for construction and maintenance of a new concrete crossing surface on County State Aid Highway 8 (W Broadway) between 69th Avenue N and County Road 81 (DOT # 095635-R) in the city of Brooklyn Park (CP 2201100), at an estimated county cost of \$85,000; and 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:

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) operates a freight transportation system serving the Minneapolis and St. Paul area. BNSF's tracks cross the county highway at CSAH 8 (W Broadway) between 69th Avenue N and County Road 81 in the city of Brooklyn Park. The 112-foot-long crossing surface has deteriorated and has been identified as needing replacement.

BNSF will install a new concrete crossing surface on W Broadway in the 2025 construction season. The new crossing surface will adequately cover all vehicular driving lanes and all sidewalks.

Funding for the project is available in the CP 2201100 - Cost Participation and Partnerships 2024-2028, with expenses tracked in subproject CP 2201121.

Current Request: This request seeks authorization to negotiate and execute Agreement PW 11-84-25 with BNSF for construction and maintenance of a new concrete crossing surface on W Broadway between 69th Avenue N and County Rd 81 (DOT # 095635-R) in the city of Brooklyn Park at an estimated county cost of \$85,000.

Impact/Outcomes: Approval of this action will provide for construction and maintenance of a new concrete crossing surface on W Broadway in Brooklyn Park.

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts by enhancing accessibility, safety, and mobility along W Broadway for all people using this crossing to reach their destinations.

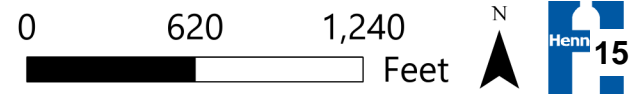
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Agreement PW 11-84-25

CSAH 8 Railroad Crossing Replacement | Hennepin County Public Works



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Board Action Request

25-0128

Item Description:

Amd 1 to Work Order 1 for PR00002248 with Houston Engineering, Inc. for final design services for CSAH 10 between CSAH 50 and CSAH 19, (CP 2210400), extend to 12/31/26, increase NTE by \$761,805 for a new total NTE of \$1,140,723 (county bonds)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Amendment 1 to Work Order 1 for Agreement PR00002248 with Houston Engineering, Inc. to include final design and professional services for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 10 (Woodland Trail) rehabilitation between CSAH 50 (Rebecca Park Trail) and CSAH 19, county project (CP) 2210400, to increase the contract amount by \$761,805 for a new not to exceed of \$1,140,723, and to extend the contract period to December 31, 2026; 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 the funds as directed.

Background:

The county is leading a project along CSAH 10 (Woodland Trail) to extend the useful life of the roadway. The proposed improvements will include:

- Pavement rehabilitation
- Culvert replacement
- Multimodal and safety upgrades

In 2024 the county entered into Work Order 1 to Agreement PR00002248 with Houston Engineering for preliminary design on CSAH 10.

Current Request: This request seeks authorization to execute Amendment 1 to Work Order 1 for Agreement PR00002248 with Houston Engineering, Inc. to provide final design engineering and professional services for the CSAH 10 rehabilitation project, CP 2210400, extending the period to December 31, 2026, and increasing the not to exceed amount to \$1,140,723.

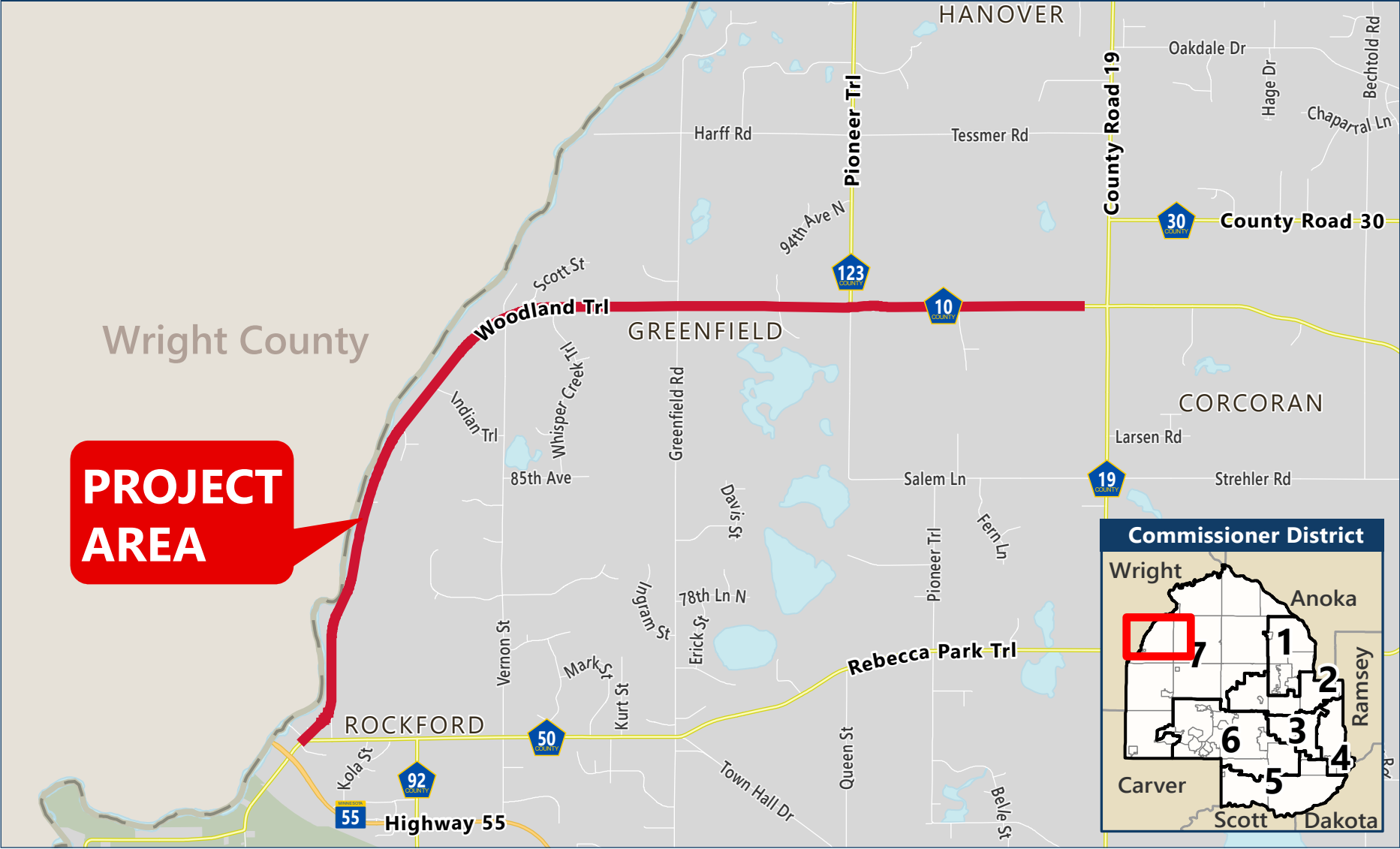
Funding is available in CP 2210400 Pavement Rehabilitation Program 2022 - 2026, with expenditures tracked in CP 2210404 - 2026 Pvmt Rehab CSAH 10.

Impacts/Outcomes: This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by preserving and modernizing our transportation system and improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation users.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2210404

Pavement rehabilitation project along Woodland Trail (CSAH 10)



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Board Action Request

25-0129

Item Description:

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00004810 with Jonathan Bottema for wetland restoration and prairie installation, ext end date to 12/31/26, incr NTE by \$20,000 for new total NTE of \$144,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00004810 with Jonathan Bottema for wetland restoration and prairie installation to benefit Rush Creek, extending the period through December 31, 2026, and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$20,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$144,000, be approved; that following 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:

Hennepin County is the soil and water conservation district for the county and performs all duties and authorities of a district. In this role, the county provides financial and technical assistance to landowners for projects that improve water quality and protect natural resources.

This agreement covers an ongoing project to restore 42 acres of prairie and wetlands along the banks of Rush Creek in the city of Corcoran. The project will reduce erosion to Rush Creek, eliminate phosphorus and sediment pollution, create wildlife habitat, more effectively manage stormwater, and sequester carbon.

The second amendment is needed to repair erosion damage that occurred to the site during heavy rainfall shortly after initial restoration. It will also ensure the vegetation is established prior to entering the project's maintenance phase.

Projects that reduce stormwater runoff, stabilize eroding areas, protect shorelines from erosion, and reduce wind erosion are eligible for financial assistance through the Cost Share for Conservation Program. To evaluate projects, county staff work with residents to understand their conservation needs, describe their projects, estimate the costs, and estimate water quality benefits. This approach of prioritizing projects and water bodies for improvement projects is known as the priority subwatershed approach and is consistent with rules from the State of Minnesota about how to spend grant funds to improve water quality.

Potential water quality improvement projects are reviewed no more than once per quarter, and county staff make decisions about proceeding with projects based on water quality benefits and funding availability. Funding amounts and sources vary by project but is typically 10% from the landowner, 10% from the county, and 80% from federal, state, and/or watershed sources. The Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission will reimburse the county for state and watershed portions of this project once it is completed.

Current Request: The current request is to approve Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00004810 with Jonathan Bottema for wetland restoration and prairie installation to benefit Rush Creek, extending the period through December 31, 2026, and increasing the NTE to \$144,000.

Impacts/Outcomes: Approval of this request will improve the water quality of Rush Creek and downstream water resources including the Mississippi River. This project will also better capture and infiltrate and/or detain stormwater for longer periods, making water resources more resilient to the impacts of climate change. Restored wetlands and prairies will provide food, water, and shelter to many wildlife and pollinator species, add water storage, trap nutrient pollution, improve groundwater recharge, and sequester of carbon.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0130

Item Description:

Neg grant agmts for aquatic invasive species prevention projects, various periods, total combined NTE \$60,156

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following grant agreements to provide funding for aquatic invasive species prevention projects during a one-year period beginning on the date of execution:

- PR00007109 with Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, with the amount not to exceed \$12,500
- PR00007107 with Bolton & Menk Inc, with the amount not to exceed \$19,135
- PR00007111 with Bolton & Menk Inc, with the amount not to exceed \$28,521

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the county; that the County Administrator be authorized to approve one 12-month extension of the agreements; that costs incurred by the grantees after the board approval date be eligible for reimbursement upon execution of the agreements; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Aquatic invasive species (AIS), such as zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil, threaten natural resources and can cause economic, environmental, and human health risks. Lakes and other water resources throughout the county have been negatively affected by AIS or are highly vulnerable to the introduction of new AIS. Preventing the introduction of new infestations is the foremost strategy because often no remedy is available and effective after AIS becomes established in a water body.

The State of Minnesota started allocating funding to counties in 2014 to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of AIS. Counties may use the funding for their own projects and programs or may provide funding to other entities in the county.

The Hennepin County Board designated oversight of the AIS Prevention Aid program to the County Administrator and delegated to the County Administrator the responsibility to prepare and implement guidelines for use of aid received for the prevention of AIS (Resolution 14-0438). Since 2014, the county has received a total of \$3,298,501 in AIS Prevention Aid funding.

In the fall 2024, the county released its tenth request for project proposals that prevent the introduction or limit the spread of AIS. Local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and academic institutions were eligible to apply.

The request for proposals was promoted through lake associations, cities, watersheds, and other natural resource partners, email lists, and Hennepin County's e-newsletter Green Notes. The county received 20 project proposals requesting a total of \$387,976.

The requests were reviewed and rated by a five-member panel consisting of both internal and external staff and AIS professionals, including one member from the University of Minnesota Invasive Species Research Center and one member from the Coon Creek Watershed District. Eight projects recommended for grant awards focus on preventing the spread of AIS with reasonable and measurable outcomes. Successful applicants described the need for the funding and demonstrated the capacity and commitment to implement the proposed projects and comply with grant administration requirements.

Board approval for the following three agreements is required because the county has agreements with these organizations that exceed \$100,000.

- PR00007109 with Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board with the amount not to exceed \$12,500, for funding replacement of an AIS informational kiosk at Lake Nokomis or Lake Harriet public access. These are popular lakes for sailing, fishing, recreational boating, and pedestrian traffic. Using lessons learned from over a decade of AIS inspections, the kiosks are designed to enhance the engagement and education of park patrons on AIS and self-inspection practices. The Park Board expects to engage 5,500 patrons and conduct 2,500 inspections annually through these kiosks.
- PR00007107 and PR00007111 with Bolton & Menk, Inc. The first project, with the amount not to exceed \$19,135, will focus on AIS survey training, technical assistance, and early detection work empowering lake groups and residents throughout the county with training to conduct their own lake surveys alongside a professional limnologist. The second project, with the amount not to exceed \$28,521, is a boater observational study conducted when access inspectors are not present at Grays Bay access on Lake Minnetonka. Observations will provide insights into how the public complies with AIS prevention actions and interacts with the access re-design features/tools.

In addition to the agreements approved by the county board, the following five grants will be approved through administrative process:

- PR00007106 with Waterfront Restoration, LLC, with the amount not to exceed \$28,593. This project will provide Watercraft Ambassadors on public boat accesses in and around Lake Minnetonka, targeting accesses with low rates of self-inspection, including Long Lake and Cooks Bay on Lake Minnetonka. Other targeted areas include Surfside Park, Halstads Bay, Carsons Bay, and Spring Park Bay on Lake Minnetonka.
- PR00007108 with WaterGuards LLC, with the amount not to exceed \$23,400. This is a watercraft inspection program spread throughout the county that also focuses on education and encouraging boaters to take the right actions to prevent AIS introduction. These inspections are randomly conducted from Minnesota's Fishing Opener to Labor Day and focus on accesses without a watercraft inspection program or at times when inspectors are not typically present.
- PR00007110 with Lake Minnetonka Association, with the amount not to exceed \$5,000. The Lake Minnetonka Association will oversee the survey of a two-acre or larger area spread around 16 public and private accesses on Lake Minnetonka, focusing on any early detection of starry stonewort.
- PR00007112 with Fish Lake Area Residents Association, with the amount not to exceed \$5,000. The Association will provide watercraft inspections in May and September at the Fish Lake public access during periods when the existing programs have minimal coverage.
- PR00007186 with Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, with the amount not to exceed \$10,260. An emerging invasive species, Brittle Naiad, now identified in five county lakes, is potentially at a critical point of spread. The watershed district will partner with the City of Minnetonka to develop a vegetation management plan for Shady Oak Lake and treat the Brittle Naiad to reduce its abundance. Educational signage on the work will also be included.

Current Request: This request is to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate three agreements to

provide funding for aquatic invasive species prevention projects with the following organizations:

- PR00007109 with Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, with the amount not to exceed \$12,500
- PR00007107 with Bolton & Menk Inc, with the amount not to exceed \$19,135
- PR00007111 with Bolton & Menk Inc, with the amount not to exceed \$28,521

The request is also for the authorization to approve one 12-month extension of the agreements and to reimburse costs incurred by the grantees after the board approval date and upon execution of the grant agreements.

Impact/Outcomes: The recommended projects will prevent and slow the spread of AIS by supporting early detection, rapid response, education, access re-design, watercraft inspection, and pathway analysis. The grantees will be required to collect data and submit final reports specific to each project's goals. The information and results from these projects will be used by county staff and shared with other water resource professionals to support and develop future AIS prevention work.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Neg Agmt PW 14-85-25 with Soo Line Railroad to replace the railroad crossing surface on CSAH 92 in Greenfield, (CP 2210400), est county cost \$68,250 (county bonds)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 14-85-25 with Soo Line Railroad, doing business as Canadian Pacific, for the construction and maintenance of a new crossing surface on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 92 at DOT crossing #689150N in Greenfield, County Project (CP) 2210400, at an estimated cost of \$68,250; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the County Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse the funds as directed.

Background:

Canadian Pacific operates a freight transportation system serving the Twin Cities area. Canadian Pacific's tracks cross CSAH 92 roughly one-third mile south of Trunk Highway 55. This crossing has deteriorated and needs to be replaced.

Canadian Pacific will install a new concrete crossing surface on CSAH 92 in 2025. The county will detour vehicle traffic during construction, and repair and replace the roadway up to the crossing.

Funding for the project is available in CP 2210400 - Pavement Rehabilitation Program 2022 - 2026, with expenditures tracked in subproject CP 2210408 - 2025 Rehab - CSAH 92.

Current Request: This request seeks authorization to negotiate and execute Agreement PW 14-85-25 with Soo Line Railroad, doing business as Canadian Pacific, for construction and maintenance of a railroad crossing surface on CSAH 92 at DOT crossing #689150N, at an estimated county cost of \$68,250.

Impacts/Outcomes: This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by preserving and modernizing our transportation system and improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for all people using this crossing.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Railroad crossing improvement project along CSAH 92 in the City of Greenfield



BAR map date:
3/18/2025

