

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2015-11**

**DATE:** February 18, 2015  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**PREPARED BY:** Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)

**SUBJECT:** Program Year Extension Request: North Creek Regional Greenway Trail

**REQUESTED ACTION:** The City of Lakeville requests a program year extension for the North Creek Regional Greenway Trail (SP# 188-090-002) to 2016.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the program year extension request to move the North Creek Regional Greenway Trail (SP# 188-090-002) to 2016.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** The City of Lakeville received \$817,645 in federal Transportation Enhancements (now Transportation Alternatives) funds in the 2011 solicitation for construction of the North Creek Regional Greenway Trail in 2015. Property acquisition has been more difficult than expected and the City is requesting a one-year program year extension to provide additional time to negotiate a permanent easement with a landowner and allow the project to be bid during a favorable bidding climate. The city's request is attached.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopted the Program Year Policy in April 2013 to assist with management and timely delivery of transportation projects awarded federal funding through the TAB's regional solicitation. The policy includes a procedure to request a one-year extension based on extenuating circumstances within certain guidelines.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** MnDOT State Aid staff has indicated its support for the project sponsor's request. Based on the City's work on the project and the nature of the delay, staff recommends approval of the program year extension to 2016. It is important to note that an extension of the program year does not guarantee federal funding will be available in that year, and the project sponsor is responsible for funding the project until federal funding becomes available. The program year change would be administered in the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update and does not require a separate TIP amendment.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION:** The Funding and Programming Committee unanimously recommended approval of this program year extension request at its January 15, 2015, meeting.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	January 15, 2015
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	February 4, 2015
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	