

ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2014-32

DATE: April 30, 2014
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
PREPARED BY: Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)
SUBJECT: Scope Change Request for Scott County CSAH 8 Reconstruction and Trail
REQUESTED ACTION: Scott County requests a scope change to modify the scope of SP#070-608-022 to add a roundabout at CSAHs 8 and 91 with a pedestrian underpass. The total project cost increases to \$6,925,535 with \$3,784,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding and \$3,141,535 of county funds in 2015.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend approval of the request to modify the scope for the CSAH 8 as described above.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: In the 2011 solicitation, Scott County received \$3,784,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for the CSAH 8 reconstruction. The project is programmed in 2015. The scope change request and supporting information are attached. A TIP amendment is not required because these changes, if approved, can be incorporated into the 2015-2018 TIP.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Projects that receive funding through the regional solicitation process are subject to the regional scope change policy. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the project is designed and constructed according to the plans and intent described in the original application. Additionally, federal rules require that any federally-funded project scope change must go through a formal review and TIP amendment process if the project description or total project cost changes substantially. The scope change policy and process allow project sponsors to make adjustments to their projects as needed while still providing substantially the same benefits described in their original project applications.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Staff reviewed the submitted scope change request. The changes in the project provided the same or better roadway and trail improvements so the scoring of the original project was not reviewed. No elements of the original project were removed, and the project limits did not change. It should be noted that the project description is different from what is currently in the TIP even though the project limits did not change. The eastern terminus is Keswick Loop in Dakota County. The proposed description changed to be more accurate.

With the scope change, the project would include a roundabout at the intersection of CSAH 8 and CSAH 91. The original proposal included the addition of right and left turn lanes and improved interchange lighting. No signal exists at this intersection today or

was proposed with the original project. In the course of the CSAH 8 corridor study, a roundabout was discussed for this location. The county's Highway Safety Plan was completed in 2013 and recommended a roundabout at this location. The scope change will allow the roundabout to be built.

The pedestrian underpass is being proposed due to the need to locate the Scott County and Dakota County trails on opposite sides of CSAH 8. The CSAH 8 corridor study completed in 2013 found the Dakota County trail had to be on the north side of CSAH 8 to avoid wetlands and existing development. The Scott County trail had to be on the south side to avoid impacting community septic systems. The underpass will allow connection of the trails.

Based on review of the information provided in the scope change request and the original application, staff recommends approval of the requested scope change. The modified project description and budget should be incorporated into the 2015-2018 TIP.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its April 17, 2014, meeting, the Funding and Programming Committee unanimously recommended approval of this scope change.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 17, 2014
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	