

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2014-40

DATE: May 28, 2014
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Funding & Programming Committee
PREPARED BY: Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst 651-602-1719
SUBJECT: Scope Change for Mainstreet Improvements
REQUESTED ACTION: The City of Hopkins requests a scope change to modify the scope of SP#132-030-003 and to add work elements to the initial HSIP project. The total project cost increases to \$4,096,000 with Federal HSIP funds of \$660,960 and \$3,435,040 local funds in 2015.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend approval of the request to modify the scope of SP#132-030-003 and to add work elements to the initial HSIP project. The total project cost increases to \$4,096,000 with Federal HSIP funds of \$660,960 and \$3,435,040 local funds in 2015.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:

In 2013, the City of Hopkins applied for and was ultimately selected to receive Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for pedestrian and signal upgrades for Mainstreet between 5th Avenue and 13th Avenue. Since being awarded the grant, the City has determined the value of incorporating this work into a larger project extending from 5th Avenue to 20th Avenue. The larger project will connect to the reconstruction of Hennepin County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 61 (Shady Oak Road), to be completed in 2015 as a separate project. The Mainstreet project will include water main replacement between 5th Avenue and 11th Avenue, mill and overlay for the full project corridor, refurbishing/replacement of corridor streetscape elements, and other components. The pedestrian ramp improvements meeting ADA requirements included in the HSIP project from 5th Ave. to 13th Ave. will be included for all intersections to 20th Ave; installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) push button signals and signs with countdown timers at existing signals at 5th Ave., 7th Ave., 8th Ave., 9th Ave., 10th Ave., 11th Ave. and 12th Ave.

Extending the project limits and adding the work elements to the initial HSIP project as proposed will not negatively impact the project's ability to achieve the safety goals outlined in the initial HSIP application. The additional funding required will be provided by the City, and a revision to the HSIP grant is not being requested. Combining the HSIP work with the larger corridor improvement project will increase the efficiency of the corridor improvement program and decrease the local disruption that would be caused by a phased approach for Mainstreet.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Projects that receive funding through the regional solicitation process, including the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), 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 pedestrian improvements so the scoring of the original project was not reviewed. No elements of the original project were removed. The project limits were extended to increase the efficiency of the corridor improvements and decrease local disruption.

The new project description will be “Mainstreet from 5th Avenue to 20th Avenue: push button, pedestrian countdown timers; APS and ADA improvements, mill and overlay, streetscape, lighting.”

The federal HSIP FY 2015 funding of \$660,960 will not change. The local funds will increase from \$73,440 to \$3,435,040 for a total project cost of \$4,096,000.

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 May 15, 2014, meeting, the Funding and Programming Committee unanimously recommended approval of this scope change request.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 15, 2014
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	