

Minnesota Department of Transportation

Metro District 1500 West County Road B-2 Roseville, MN 55113

May 1, 2014

Mr. Karl Keel TAC Funding & Programing Committee 1700 West 98th Street Bloomington MN 55431

RE: SP 8206-45 Hwy 61 & Hwy 97 Reconstruction and Roundabouts - Scope Change Request

INTRODUCTION

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) was successful in the 2011 Regional Solicitation for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding to reconstruct Hwy 61 & Hwy 97 intersections in Forest Lake. The 2014-2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has \$5,376,000 in federal funding with a total project cost of \$6,720,000 scheduled for improvements in state fiscal year 2016. Although the original project description has changed since its submittal, the objective and benefits remain unchanged and consistent with its original intent. Please consider this formal scope change request and the ability to retain federal funding levels in order to move forward with the projects revised scope.

ORIGINAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BENEFITS

To better address traffic flow in the area, the project will:

- Reconstruct the North and South intersections of Hwy 61 (Forest Lake Blvd) and Hwy 97 (Scandia Trail North) in Forest Lake
- Remove signals and construct roundabouts
- Construct a dedicated school only driveway entrance from the South roundabout to the Forest Lake High school
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities including a grade separated crossing
- Replace drainage systems other infrastructure
- Upgrade intersection and roadway lighting

The objective and benefits of Hwy 61 & Hwy 97 reconstruction and roundabouts project is to:

- Improve traffic flow and safety
- Solve capacity problems
- Reduce delays and congestion
- · Better pedestrian and bicycle connections and accessibility
- Improved drainage

The overall original project objectives and benefits as defined above remain unchanged and will be achieved with the project. The change in scope will also maintain the original project objectives and benefits as identified under the *Integration of Modes Section* of the STP application where the scope change applies.

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REQUESTED CHANGE OF SCOPE

Since the 2011 STP application, MnDOT project management team has been working closely with City of Forest Lake, Forest Lake School District, MnDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian, ADA, and other functional units, to evaluate the overall pedestrian and bicyclist needs along this corridor. During the geometric layout development process we identified that the 2011 STP Application concept did not fully accommodate all user needs at both intersections and along the corridor. There were questions raised regarding the projects ability to serve all community users as well as students. We also evaluated ADA accessibility and usability with respect to direct and shortest route options, and to provide pedestrian or bicyclist access at the south roundabout.

This further project development yielded a hybrid grade separated and at-grade alternative which included the following changes to the scope which falls under the *Integration of Modes Section* of the STP application (*Attached*).

- Construct one (East West) grade separated pedestrian crossing on the south side at the North roundabout and eliminate the (North-South) elevated crossing as proposed in the original STP application.
- Addition of at-grade crossings at the North roundabout.
- Addition of an at-grade Mid-Block Rapid Flashing Beacon signal system pedestrian crossing near the school entrance. Extending the urban curb and gutter section further east of the North roundabout, reducing shoulder width, and constructing a center median which will serve as a refuge for pedestrians and students crossing Hwy 97.
- Addition of at-grade (East-West) crossing on the south side at the South roundabout with extensions to local pedestrian/trail facilities east and west of Hwy 61.
- Pedestrian accommodations to meet ADA/PROWAG requirements.

Attached are the 2011 STP application concept and the current hybrid grade separated and at-grade alternative layout.

The scope change revision improvements as noted add to and maintain all identified benefits under the original *Integration of Modes* category by maintaining a grade separated pedestrian crossing option at the northern junction of Hwy 61 and Hwy 97, new pedestrian/shared use path connections to existing trails and planned shared use facilities. It also provides the connections between the Hardwood Creek Trail, residential areas and pedestrian improvements that City of Forest Lake is planning with its Safe Routes to School projects. These improvements will in total increase usability and facilitate a safer pedestrian & bicycle environment for all users in the community.

MODIFIED PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND COST ESTIMATE

The overall original project description, objectives, and benefits will remain unchanged and will be achieved with this project. Change in scope as defined in the new hybrid grade separated and at-grade alternative will also maintain the original project objectives and benefits as identified under the *Integration of Modes Category* where the requested scope change applies.

The 2014-2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has \$5,376,000 in federal funding with a total project cost of \$6,720,000 improvements in state fiscal year 2016. A Formal STIP Amendment will not be required for this project. The scope change and funding levels will be updated in the 2015-2018 TIP.

In order to be consistent with the revised scope and proposed hybrid grade separated and at-grade alternative design, a new cost estimate was developed. Although the revised project scope eliminates the North-South elevated ramp, the updated total project cost has increased slightly. Table 1 summarizes the 2011 STP application project estimate and 2014-2017 STIP totals. Table 2 summarizes the updated layout project estimate and 2015-2018 TIP totals.

TABLE 1 - STP Application	Estimate	(+) Inflation
Ped Bridge & Elevated Ped Ramp	\$1,578,000	\$1,771,477.21
Roadway and Other Elements	\$4,408,055	\$4,948,522.79
	\$5,986,055	\$6,720,000

	Federal	State	Other	Total
2014-2017 STIP	\$5,376,000	\$1,344,000	\$0	\$6,720,000

	\$6,485,986	\$7,082,697
Roadway and Other Elements	\$4,247,486	\$4,638,255
Additional Pedestrian Improvements	\$258,500	\$282,282
East-West Pedestrian Bridge - North RAB	\$1,980,000	\$2,162,160
TABLE 2 - Revised Scoping	Estimate	(+) Inflation

	Federal	State	Other	Total
2015-2018 TIP	\$5,376,000	\$1,344,000	\$400,000	\$7,082,697

The updated construction total cost estimate has increased to \$7,082,697. Also note that the updated estimate for the East-West Pedestrian Bridge at the North roundabout and Additional Pedestrian Improvements cost is higher than the Pedestrian Bridge & Elevated Pedestrian Ramp estimate at the time of the 2011 STP Application. This cost estimate better represents the proposed improvements associated with Hwy 61 & Hwy 97 Reconstruction and Roundabouts Project.

MnDOT would propose that the formal scope change request and the ability to retain federal funding levels for the project is allowed to move forward. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 651-234-7715 or by e-mail dmitry.tomasevich@state.mn.us

Sincerely,

Dmitry Tomasevich, P.E. East Area Engineer MnDOT Metro District

Cc: Adam Josephson, MnDOT Metro East Area Colleen Brown, MnDOT Metro State Aid Brian Isaacson, MnDOT Metro Program Management Ryan Gaug, MnDOT Metro Program Management

Attachments: (1) 2011 STP Application Cover Page (2) 2011 STP Application Integration of Modes Section (3) 2011 STP Application Layout Concept (4) Hybrid Grade Separated and At-Grade Alternative (5) 2011 STP Application Cost Estimate (6) Updated Hybrid Grade Separated and At-Grade Alternative Construction Cost Estimate

Federal STP-UG Funding Application (Form 1)

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	I. GENERAL INFORM	IATION	
1. APPLICANT: Minnesota Department of Trans	sportation		
2. JURISDICTIONAL AGENCY (IF DIFFERENT): Mn/DOT		
3. MAILING ADDRESS: 1500 W County Road B	32		
CITY: Roseville	STATE: MN	ZIP CODE:55113	4. COUNTY: Ramsey
5. CONTACT PERSON: Adam Josephson	TITLE: East Ar	ea Manager	PHONE NO. (651)234-7719
CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS: adam.josephsor	n@state.mn.us		
	II. PROJECT INFORM	IATION	
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	III. PROJECT FUNE	DING	
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12.* PROJECT TOTAL: \$6,000,000 16. SIGNATURE		TED PROGRAM YEAR (OINCLE). M2013 12016

classifications, the existing access locations inconsistent with the proposed access management approach and any access locations that will be modified:

e. Private Residential Driveways/Field Entrances

RESPONSE:

There are two private driveways in the project area. They are located in the Northwest Quadrant of the south junction of TH97/TH61 and the Northeast Quadrant of the north junction. These two driveways will be closed as a result of the proposed project.

f. Low-Volume Private Driveways * (Under 500 trips per day)

RESPONSE:

TH 97 does not contain any private driveways with volumes under 500 trips per day.

g. High-Volume Private Driveways * (Over 500 trips per day)

RESPONSE:

There is one high volume private access in the project area. The high volume school access located in the Southeast Quadrant of the north junction of TH 97/TH61 will be closed on TH 97 and replaced with a right in only access that will be established on TH 61.

h. Public Streets

RESPONSE:

Four public street access points will be closed and consolidated into one intersection at the south roundabout. The geometrics of these public streets cause a condition in which they act more like separate access points slowing traffic at four locations rather than one consolidated intersection.

(See attachment 32 for graphic of access closures)

* Private driveways may be commercial, industrial or institutional uses such as school or hospitals.

5. Integration of Modes

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The *Transportation Policy Plan* requires that explicit consideration of all users of the transportation system be considered in the planning and scoping phase of roadway projects. The integration of modes criteria evaluate the value of the proposed project in providing better accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit and freight vehicles. Such accommodation should be provided within the existing right-of-way and provide the same level of access as motor vehicles unless it is shown to be impractical. In such cases, the project may include facilitation of such travel outside of the roadway right-of-way along a close parallel route. "A" Minor Expanders are routes that make connections between developing areas outside the interstate ring. These roads may or may not be able to be served by transit but serve rapidly growing areas of the region. Roadway improvements provide an opportunity to improve non-motorized connectivity between these growing areas.

Pedestrians: Examples of pedestrian improvements include construction or reconstruction of walkways or multi-use paths, separating pedestrian walkways from vehicle traffic through the installation of a buffer such as a boulevard, and providing pedestrian lighting. Equally important to improving pedestrian movement along the project area is improving the safety and ease of pedestrian crossings of the roadways. Some examples of these kinds of improvements are installation of pedestrian countdown signals with crosswalks, reducing the effective crossing distance by installing curb extensions and

pedestrian medians, and reducing the speed of vehicles making turning movements at intersections. Different treatments are appropriate for different types of roadway conditions.

Include a map that shows all new or reconstructed walkways or multi-use paths that will be constructed as part of this project as well as all pathways that these walkways will connect to and any potential pedestrian destinations such as schools, residences, transit stops, parks, and businesses within ¹/₄ mile of the project area that will be accessible to pedestrians. In the response field, indicate the characteristics of these pedestrian facilities (i.e. multi-use trail, sidewalk, or crosswalk etc.) and whether they are brand new facilities or a replacement of an existing facility. All pedestrian facilities must be designed to be ADA-compliant at a minimum.

RESPONSE:

Currently the pedestrian crossings at the northern junction of TH 97 and TH61 are at grade and are not connected to any sidewalks or trails leading north. There are no pedestrian connections north of the intersection leading to a condition in which pedestrians walk along the shoulder of the roadway (See attachments 33, 34, & 35). The only pedestrian facilites in the corridor are a shared use path that was recently built that connects the Hardwood Creek trail to the Junction of TH 97 and TH 61 west of the school, and the shared use path between the school and the same junction and sidewalks at the school. The junction of TH 97 and TH 61 has crosswalks at all legs of the intersection

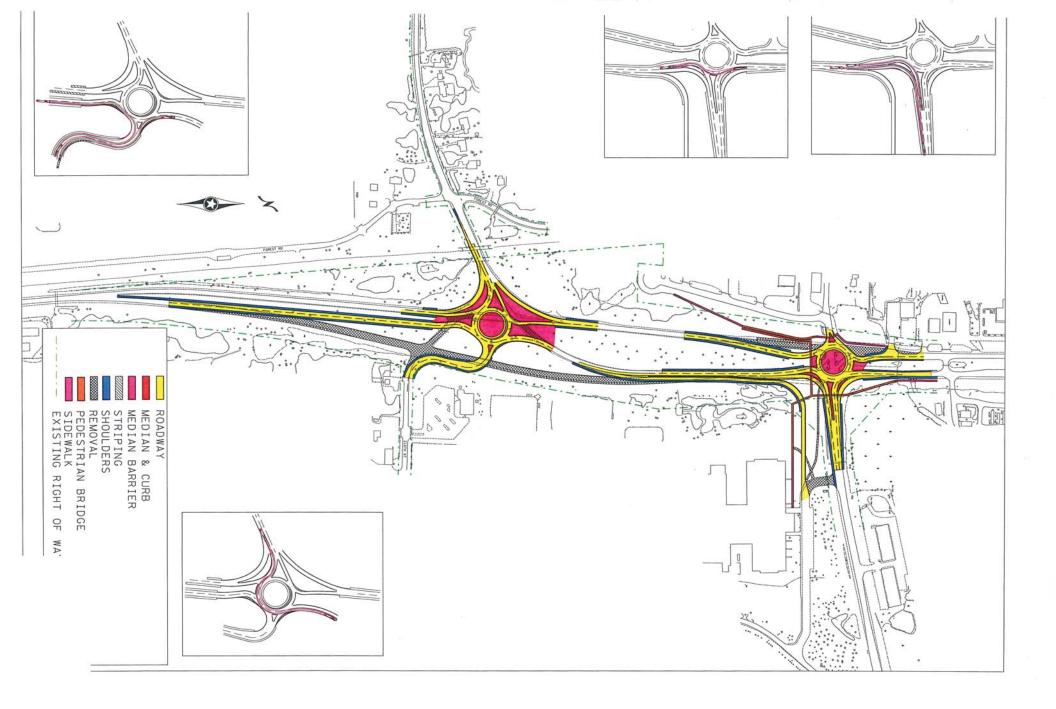
The proposed project includes two grade seperated pedestrian crossings at the northern junction of TH 97 and TH 61, new shared use paths to connect to existing trails and planned shared use facilities. The two grade seperated crossings will complete the connection between the Hardwood Creek Trail and residential areas west of TH 61 as well as residential areas north of TH 97 to the High and Middle Schools. As part of the project, shared use paths will connect to pedestrian improvements that the City of Forest Lake is proposing that will be adjacent to TH 61 in the downtown area as indicated in their Capital Improvement Plan.

Bicyclists: Examples of bicycle improvements include striping a bike lane or a marked shoulder that is 5 feet wide or greater, installing an off-road pathway where conditions favor one, and intersection treatments designed to reduce motor vehicle and bicycle conflict. Different treatments are appropriate for different types of roadway conditions.

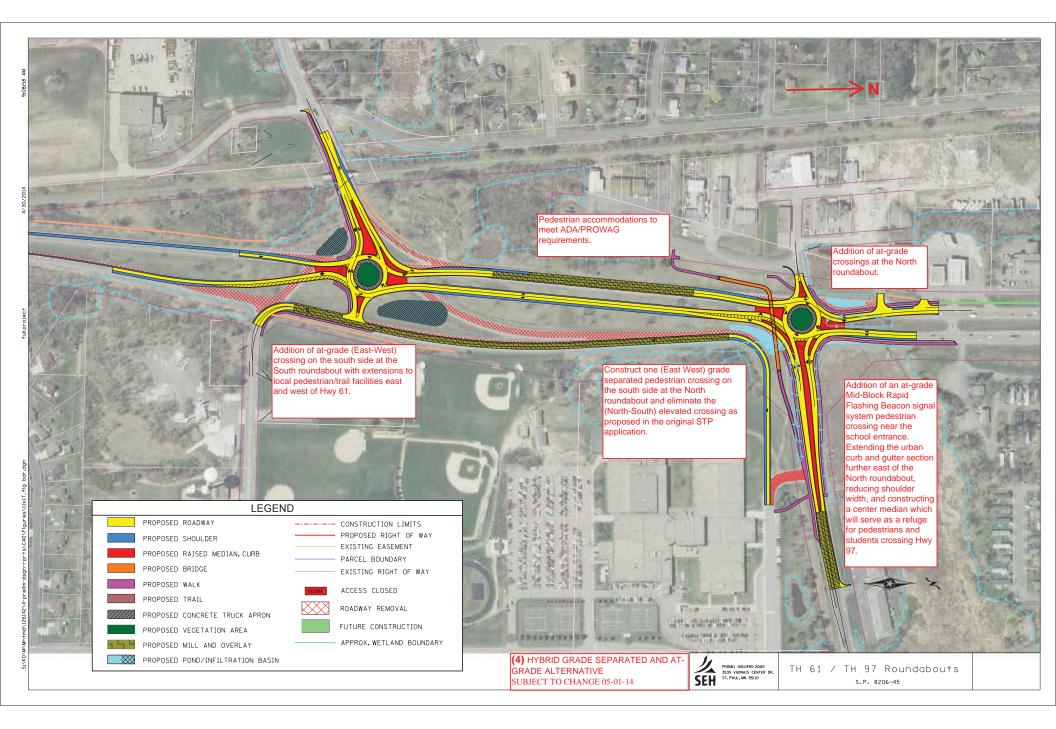
Include a map that shows all new or reconstructed bikeways that will be constructed (or striped) with this project, and show how they connect to an existing or planned bikeway network. Also show potential destinations along the roadway segment and within a ¹/₄ mile of the project area that will be accessible with this bikeway network such as schools, parks residences, transit stops, and businesses. In the response field, indicate the characteristics of these bicycle facilities (i.e. bike lane, striped shoulder, cycle track, multi-use trail etc.) and whether they are brand new facilities or a replacement of an existing facility.

RESPONSE:

The proposed project includes two grade seperated pedestrian crossings at the northern junction of TH 97 and TH 61, new shared use paths to connect to existing trails and planned shared use facilities (See attachment 36). The two grade seperated crossings will complete the connection between the Hardwood Creek Trail and residential areas west of TH 61 as well as residential areas north of TH 97 to the High and Middle Schools. As part of the project, shared use paths will connect to pedestrian improvements that the City of Forest Lake is planning that will be adjacent to TH 61 in the downtown area as indicated in their Capital Improvement Plan.



(3) 2011 STP Application Layout Concept



ESTIMATE FOR: ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION ON TH 61 the second 1.5 4 9 AT NORTH & SOUTH JUNCTURES WITH TH 97 IN FOREST LAKE

MSD PROJ. ID: XXX GRADING, SURFACING, DRAINAGE, & UTILITIES

SP 8207-55, TH 61, LETTING DATE / YEAR: XX/XX/XX	
LOCATED ON TH 61 FROM SOUTH JUNCTION TO NORTH JUNCTION WITH TH 97.	

PROJECT	SCOPE

HIGHWAY MAINLINE IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIPTION: - ROUNDABOUT AND APPROACH CONSTRUCTION - PAVEMENT REMOVAL

SIDE STREET IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION: - ROUNDABOUT AND APPROACH CONSTRUCTION

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIPTION (SIGNALS, GEOMETRIC, INTERCHANGES) - ROUNDABOUT AND APPROACH CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT ROADWAY COST CALCULATIONS			IN INCHES			
	LOCATION (FROMTO)	(square feet)	DEPTH (Inch)	LWD FACTOR	LWD COST MULTIPLIER	CONST. COST
MAINLINE/RAMP RDWY.		62,400	11.0	10.83	\$120,000	\$1,299,60
MAINLNE/RAMP SHOULDER		5,700	4.0	0.35	\$120,000	\$42,00
RDBT, CIRC. RDWY.		22.200	12.0	4.20	\$120,000	\$504,00
RDBT. TRUCK APRON		4,800	8.0	0.60	\$120,000	\$72,00
MAINLNE/RAMP RDWY, SURFACING		77,900	4.0	4.91	\$120,000	\$589,20
MAINLNE/RAMP SHLD. SURFACING		22,900	2.0	0.72	\$120,000	\$86,40
LOCAL ROAD RDWY.		34,100	8.5	4.57	\$120,000	\$548,40
LOCAL ROAD RDWY, SURFACING		13,800	2.5	0.54	\$120,000	\$64,80
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		243,800		26.72		\$3,206,400

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BRIDGE COST TOTALS

\$1,262,400

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PROJECT BRIDGE COST CALCULATIONS

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PED. BRIDGE @ TH 61/TH 97 NO. JUNCTION	82XXX	435.0	12.0	5,220	\$120	\$626,400
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RIDGE COST	RISK FOR / NEED #:	25%	\$1,262,400	\$1,578,00
VRE COSTS ABOVE NORMAL PROJECT NEEDS	RISK FOR / NEED #:	5%	\$95,000	\$99,75
ROADWAY LIGHTING COST	RISK FOR / NEED #:		\$100,000	\$105,00
IKE/PED PATH (0.5 MI.* @ \$200,000)	Includes misc, paths @ So, Junction	10%	\$46,000	\$50,60
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Item Description <u>PAVING AND GRADING (P & G) COSTS</u> Bituminous Pavement (1) 4" Concrete Walk	Units		Unit Cost	Quantity		Total
Bituminous Pavement (1)						
	ton		\$65.00	15,801	\$	1,027,06
	ton sq ft		\$65.00 \$3.50			1,027,06
9" Concrete povement			\$35.00	1,016		35,57
8" Concrete pavement	sq yd					
Structural Concrete	cu yd		\$70.00			15,81
Class 5 Aggregate Base (1)	cu yd		\$15.00	9,455		141,81
Subgrade Excavation (1)	cu yd		\$6.50	23,202		150,81
Common Excavation	cu yd		\$5.00	18,571		92,85
Common Borrow	cu yd		\$4.00	18,571	\$	74,28
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(a) Subtotal Paving and Grading					\$	2,233,05
UTILITIES, REMOVALS, DRAINAGE, ETC.						
Removals/Clear and Grub			4.0%		\$	109,24
Minor City Utilities			4.0%		\$	109,24
Signing, Striping, Traffic Control			5.0%		\$	136,55
Erosion Control and Turf Establishment			4.0%		\$	109,24
(b) Subtotal Utilities, Removals, Drainage, Etc.					\$	464,27
DRAINAGE			45.00/		¢	400.00
Storm Sewer			15.0%		\$	409,65
(c) Subtotal Drainage					\$	409,65
STRUCTURES/SIGNALS/MISC. COST						
Bridge	sqft		\$140		\$	1,800,00
Retaining Wall	sqft	\$	85.00		\$	-
Roundabout Lighting			\$7,000	24	\$	168,00
Between Roundabout Lighting			\$7,000	6	\$	42,00
Roundabout Landscaping			\$30,000	2	\$	60,00
Intersection ADA	each	\$	4,000.00	27	\$	108,00
RRFB System	each	\$	120,000.00	1	\$	120,00
Temp Signals	each	φ \$	100,000.00	2	Ψ \$	200,00
(d) Subtotal Structural	00011	Ψ	100,000.00	2	\$	2,298,00
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(a+b+c+d) Subtotal Construction					\$	5,404,98
Risk & Contingency			10.0%		\$	540,49
TMP			5.0%		\$	270,24
Mobilization			5.0%		\$	270,24
(e) Subtotal Miscellaneous					\$	1,080,99
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Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc

(6) Updated Hybrid Grade Separated and At-Grade Alternative Construction Cost Estimate