

ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2014-53

DATE: July 21, 2014

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: Scope Change Request for Ramsey County HSIP Project

REQUESTED ACTION: Ramsey County requests a scope change to modify the scope of its HSIP-funded project (SP#062-630-059) in 2014 to remove the Dale St. conversion from 4 lanes to 3 lanes. This would reduce the HSIP amount from \$358,254 to \$304,516 for the remaining Larpenteur Ave conversion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend approval of the request to modify the scope for the HSIP-funded project (SP#062-630-059) in 2014 to remove the Dale St. conversion from 4 lanes to 3 lanes. This would reduce the HSIP amount from \$358,254 to \$304,516 for the remaining Larpenteur Ave conversion.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: In the 2013 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation conducted by MnDOT, Ramsey County received \$358,254 in federal HSIP funding for 4-to-3-lane conversions on CSAH 53 (Dale) and CSAH 30 (Larpenteur). The project is programmed in 2014. A TIP amendment is not required because the funding is programmed in 2014, and an administrative modification was done earlier in the year to split the original project (SP# 062-630-059) in two. Larpenteur remains the original project number, SP #062-630-059. The Dale St. project became SP# 062-653-009. The county is unable to do this portion of the project due to public opposition and is relinquishing the portion of the HSIP funds for the Dale St portion.

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: MnDOT staff reviewed the original application and scoring. The Larpenteur (CSAH 30) project would still have been selected in that HSIP round without

the Dale St project. Based on this review, staff recommends approval of the requested scope change.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its July 17, 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 | July 17, 2014 |
| Technical Advisory Committee | Review & Recommend | |
| Transportation Advisory Board | Review & Approve | |

| SP# | Original Scope | Original HSIP Amount | Original Total Cost |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 062-630-059 | CSAH 53 & CSAH 30 conversion of 4-lane to 3-lane | \$358,254 | \$398,060 |
| | Deleted Scope | Returned HSIP Amount | Portion of Total Cost |
| 062-653-009 | CSAH 53 conversion of 4-lane to 3-lane | \$53,738 | \$59,544 |
| | New Scope | New HSIP Amount | New Total Cost |
| 062-630-059 | Larpenteur Ave (CSAH 30) conversion of 4-lane to 3-lane | \$304,516 | \$338,516 |



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Karl Keel, Chairman TAC Funding and Programming Committee
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**WITHDRAWAL OF RAMSEY COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT SP 062-653-009, HSIP-FUNDED CONVERSION OF DALE STREET TO A
THREE-LANE FACILITY**

Dear Mr. Keel:

After much deliberation and in light of unexpected public opposition, Ramsey County has decided to terminate its HSIP project to convert Dale Street between Como Avenue and Larpenteur from a four-lane to a three-lane facility. We, relinquish all claims to the HSIP award of \$53,738.00.

We appreciate the assistance that the Council and MnDOT staffs have given us as we have worked through the difficulties associated with this project. Please contact me at 651-266-7116 or by e-mail at james.tolaas@co.ramsey.mn.us with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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