



December 7, 2012

Kevin Roggenbuck, Transportation Coordinator
Transportation Advisory Board
390 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Mississippi River Trail (MRT) Project (S.P. 103-090-003)

Dear Mr. Roggenbuck:

The application for the Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding for the above referenced project was submitted by the City of Ramsey. The project was selected for funding and is listed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for FY2013. The STIP has been amended to show the City of Anoka as the lead agency for the project. The City of Anoka is working cooperatively with the City of Ramsey and Anoka County on project development at this time.

Original Project Scope

The original project scope contemplated a trail being constructed between Anoka's Mississippi River Community Park and the Mississippi West Regional Park in Ramsey (see attached Location map). Improvements consisted primarily of a 10 ft. wide shared use path, with a short segment of on-road bike lanes. Two pedestrian bridges were included to allow for crossing an oxbow that forms King's Island in Anoka. In addition to the primary trail elements above, additional improvements were considered as follows:

1. Plantings for bridge walls
2. Building (vacant shed) removal
3. Earthen dike removal
4. Bike lockers
5. Boulevard trees
6. Development, design and construction of interpretive signs
7. Benches
8. Litter receptacles
9. Shelter, including sewer and water service

Contemplated Scope Revisions

During the project development phase of the project, more thorough and detailed cost estimates were prepared for the improvements. Total construction costs increased from \$509,487 (shown in the TE application) to \$1,355,645 (current construction estimate). The updated construction costs are in excess of project funding, leading both Anoka and Ramsey to examine the project scope and determine if cost reductions could be achieved.

After review of the project scope, the cities agreed on the following:

1. The primary goal of the project is to provide a link between Anoka's Mississippi River Community Park and the Mississippi West Regional Park in Ramsey.
2. The additional 9 items listed above could be programmed for future years and completed by local forces.

Cost Analysis

The TE application presented project construction costs of \$509,487, a federal funding amount of \$380,204. The local match was listed as \$129,283, or 25% of the project total. The following table outlines the funding participation based on the contemplated scope revisions:

<u>Scenario</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Federal Amount</u>	<u>Local Amount</u>	<u>Local Match Percent</u>
Original T.E. Application	\$ 509,487	\$387,808	\$121,679	24%
Improvements based on Revised Est.	\$1,355,645	\$387,808	\$967,837	71%
Improvements Less Items 1-9	\$1,158,156	\$387,808	\$770,348	67%

A spreadsheet depicting the various costs analyses is attached.

Please review the enclosed information. We are available to be present at the TAC Funding & Programming Committee scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



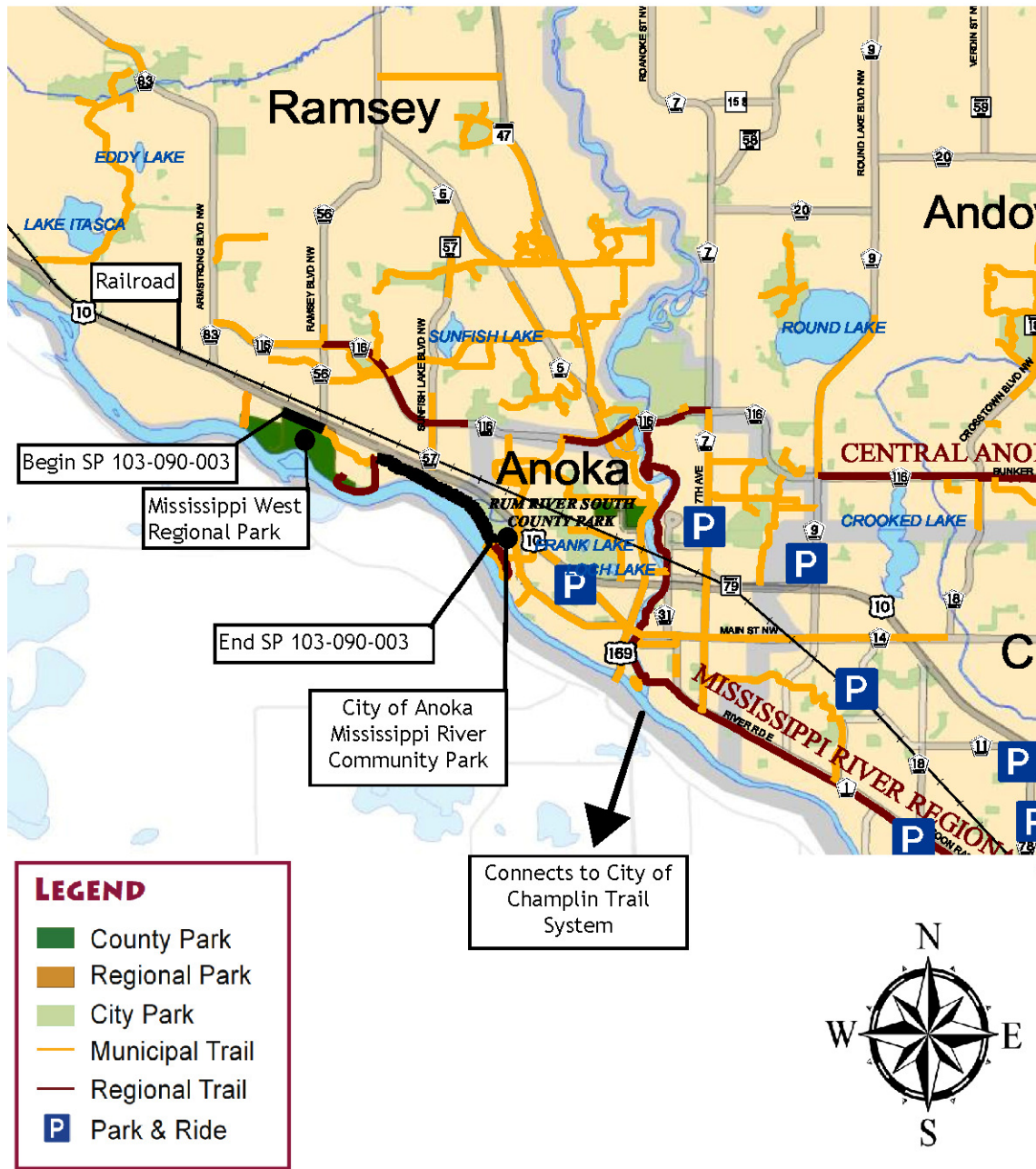
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LOCATION MAP



S.P. 103-090-003

2013-2016 STIP, SEQ# 1531

Mississippi River Trail in the City of Anoka and the City of Ramsey

Description	T.E. Funds	Local Share	Total in T.E. App.	Current Estimate	Proposed Project	Comments
Mobilization	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,110	\$55,110	Not Included in Original Estimate
Bridges	\$63,829		\$63,829	\$338,800	\$338,800	Longer Bridges, Under Floodplain
Redi Rock Walls for Abutments	\$38,280		\$38,280	\$242,000	\$242,000	Larger Abutments for Longer Bridges
Landscape for Bridge Walls		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$0	Removed from Federal Project
Trail Construction, including signage, striping and ped ramps	\$227,175	\$5,299	\$232,474	\$271,343	\$271,343	Unit Prices Have Increased
Grading, Clearing and Grubbing		\$6,000	\$6,000	\$93,720	\$93,720	More Intense Clearing Through Island
Building Removal		\$3,500	\$3,500	\$5,500	\$0	Removed from Federal Project
Remove Earthen Dikes	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$13,200	\$0	Removed from Federal Project
Bike Lockers	\$3,200		\$3,200	\$3,520	\$0	Removed from Federal Project
Boulevard Trees, Including Watering	\$13,560	\$19,775	\$33,335	\$36,669	\$0	Removed from Federal Project
Develop and Design Interpretive Signs		\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,600	\$0	Removed from Federal Project
Installation of Interpretive Signs	\$9,160		\$9,160	\$16,500	\$0	Removed from Federal Project
8 Benches and 20 Litter Receptacles	\$19,000		\$19,000	\$20,900	\$0	Removed from Federal Project
Shelter, Including Sewer and Water Lines		\$81,709	\$81,709	\$93,500	\$0	Removed from Federal Project
Traffic Control	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,300	\$3,300	Not Included in Original Estimate
Erosion Control and Turf Establishment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,884	\$53,884	Not Included in Original Estimate
Wetland Mitigation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	Not Included in Original Estimate
Floodplain Mitigation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	Not Included in Original Estimate
TOTALS	\$380,204	\$129,283	\$509,487	\$1,355,645	\$1,158,156	