

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2015-46

DATE: October 27, 2015
TO: TAC Funding & Programming Committee
PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)
SUBJECT: Hennepin County STP Defederalization
REQUESTED ACTION: Hennepin County requests defederalization of its 2016 CSAH 45 Godfrey Bridge Replacement (#027-646-007). Federal funds would be provided to its 2016 CSAH 53 reconstruction project (#027-653-021). Both projects were awarded STP funding in the 2011 Regional Solicitation.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend approval of the defederalization request on the condition that the County will deliver both projects as approved in the TAB solicitation.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Hennepin County received \$1,792,000 of federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding in the 2011 Regional Solicitation for replacement of the CSAH 46 Bridge (often referred to as the Godfrey Bridge) over Godfrey Parkway in Minneapolis. Hennepin County also received \$7,840,000 in STP funding in the same solicitation for reconstruction of CSAH 53.

To save cost and staff time, Hennepin County requests “defederalization” of the Godfrey Bridge project, which would entail moving STP funds from that project to the CSAH 53 reconstruction project and funding the entire Godfrey Bridge project with local funds.

As is acknowledged in the attached draft County Board resolution, the County agrees to the following:

- Both projects will be delivered in fiscal year 2016, as originally programmed.
- Both projects remain subject to the Council’s Program Year Policy.
- Both projects will be completed as proposed in the 2011 Regional Solicitation. Should the County desire to make any project changes, both projects are subject to the Council’s Scope Change Policy.
- Should all or part of the Godfrey Bridge project be unable to be completed, the County will reimburse the region for the appropriate amount.

The County’s request is attached. The County is aware that the defederalization action cannot be completed until the resolution is official.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Projects that receive funding through the regional solicitation process must have significant changes (such as, but not limited to, scope changes or program year extensions) approved by TAB. This requested funding exchange does not change either project from a technical perspective,. Each project will continue to be monitored by MnDOT Metro District State Aid to assure that they are completed as proposed and on time.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	



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October 28, 2015

Mr. Dan Erickson
MnDOT Metro State Aid Engineer
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RE: S.P. 027-646-007 – Bridge 90585 carrying CSAH 46 over Godfrey Ave. in Minneapolis

Dear Mr. Erickson:

This letter is to inform you of Hennepin County’s intent to transfer federal aid funding currently assigned to the project referenced above, and seek your partnership in this effort through the revision of the TIP/STIP to reflect the above mentioned transfer in funding.

Hennepin County proposes the transfer of federal aid from the Godfrey Bridge Replacement Project, S.P. 027-646-007, to the CSAH 53 Reconstruction Project, S.P. 027-653-021. This transfer would increase the percentage of federal funding on the CSAH 53 Reconstruction Project from 20% to 24%. The resulting information for these projects following the proposed transfer of funds is shown below:

Project Number	Road	Project Name	Allocation Year	Funding Requested	Federal Funding for Allocation Year (Current)	Federal Funding for Allocation Year (Proposed)	Funding Source
027-646-007	CSAH 46	Godfrey Bridge Replacement	2016	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,792,000	\$ 0	STP/BIR
027-653-021	CSAH 53	CSAH 53 Reconstruction	2016	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,840,000	\$ 9,632,000	STP

Hennepin County will use County State Aid funds to close the funding gap created by the transfer of funds from S.P. 027-646-007.

Hennepin County commits to following the state aid process and associated requirements for project S.P. 027-646-007. This commitment will be carried forward in the adoption of a county board resolution agreeing to repay the region if for any reason the project is not delivered.

Sincerely,

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Other

Section 1: Item Description

Stating an understanding with the Transportation Advisory Board and the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the transfer of Federal Surface Transportation Program funds on projects in Hennepin County and requesting acceptance by the Transportation Advisory Board.

Section 2: Resolution

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has received Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grants through the 2011 Transportation Advisory Board regional solicitation for replacement of the CSAH 46 (46th Street East) bridge, over Godfrey Road, in the City of Minneapolis (CP 2111700; SP 027-646-007), and for the reconstruction of CSAH 53 (66th Street) between CSAH 31 (Xerxes Avenue South) and Cedar Avenue South in the City of Richfield (CP 2101100; SP 027-653-021); and

WHEREAS, the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program identifies the CSAH 46 (46th Street East) bridge replacement project in program year 2016 with a total STP grant of \$1,792,000, and the CSAH 53 (66th Street) reconstruction project in program year 2016 with a STP grant of \$7,840,000; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Hennepin County acknowledge that Federal funding on projects take more staffing resources and increase timelines and costs to deliver projects; and

WHEREAS, all three parties share a mutual goal of delivering federal-aid projects in a cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has identified an opportunity for such efficiencies and is requesting the federal funding grant in the amount of \$1,792,000 for the CSAH 46 (46th Street East) bridge replacement project be transferred to the CSAH 53 (66th Street) reconstruction project; and

WHEREAS, the CSAH 53 (66th Street) reconstruction project is significantly larger in scope and federal funding can be up to 80 percent of the total construction costs preliminarily estimated at \$40,000,000; and

WHEREAS, after discussion with the Transportation Advisory Board and MnDOT all parties have agreed that this is an efficient and effective approach to minimizing the costs for delivering locally led federal projects; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County commits to deliver the CSAH 46 (46th Street East) bridge replacement project in the designated 2016 program year under the State Aid process and it will comply with permits and environmental requirements as a State Aid Project; and

WHEREAS, if a scope change from the application submitted for the CSAH 46 (46th Street East) bridge replacement project is needed, all parties understand that the Transportation Advisory Board policy on Scope changes will apply; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT State Aid staff will monitor the CSAH 46 (46th Street East) bridge replacement project to ensure consistency with the project's application, project schedule to meet program year requirements and field monitor final construction for consistency with the plans; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County understands that failure to deliver the CSAH 46 (46th Street East) bridge replacement project within the application scope or the program year could result in the need to repay a portion or all of the federal money back to the region for distribution to other regional projects; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County understands that the grant funds for the CSAH 53 (66th Street) reconstruction project will remain in program year 2016 and will not be advanced by Hennepin County; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has provided project schedules that demonstrate its ability to deliver both projects by the timelines that Metro State Aid requires for federal-aid projects; and

WHEREAS, the CSAH 53 (66th Street) reconstruction project will be delivered by Hennepin County using the local Federal Aid Delegated Contract Process; and

WHEREAS, all parties commit to assisting Hennepin County with this delivery schedule for the CSAH 53 (66th Street) reconstruction project and will ensure that this arrangement for funding transfer is incorporated in the 2016-2019 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and MnDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Hennepin Minnesota hereby commits to this understanding with the Transportation Advisory Board and the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding the transfer of the CSAH 46 (46th Street East) bridge replacement project grant funds to the CSAH 53 (66th Street) reconstruction project; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners request that the Transportation Advisory Board approves this request by formal action at its _____, 20__ meeting.

Section 3: Background

History:

Current Request:

Impact/Outcomes:

APEX contract description (limit 30 characters)

Section 4: Refer to Excel Financial Template

Have funds been included in the budget? NA

Did you obtain a Substitute W-9 (required in most cases)? NA

Section 5 : Other Information

Contact Person Wayne Loos

Contact Phone Number 612-596-0380

Request Immediate (No)

Certified Copy Needed (Yes)

Section 6 : Add Additional Readers

Abeba Abebe, Dushani Dye, Kariann Gottesman, Allen P. Rezac

Proposal: To place federal funds on one large Hennepin County project being delivered in 2016.

Federal dollars from a smaller Hennepin County project, the Godfrey Bridge Replacement, selected in the 2011 solicitation would be transferred to the CSAH 53 reconstruction project. The Godfrey Bridge Replacement project will be delivered in the original TIP program year as a County or State Aid project rather than a federal aid project.

In 2011 Hennepin County was selected for the following federal funds in the STP category:

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Hennepin County seeks to **transfer federal funds from the Godfrey Bridge Replacement Project to the CSAH 53 Reconstruction Project**. Both projects will remain in the 2016-2019 TIP. With inflation; the federal STP funding for the CSAH 53 Reconstruction will be \$9,632,000. The total construction cost is estimated at \$40,000,000 (uninflated), thus the transfer of funds results in a CSAH 53 Reconstruction Project in which 24 percent or less of the preliminary construction estimate is federal aid.