

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2019-05

DATE: December 13, 2018

TO: TAC Funding & Programming Committee

PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)

SUBJECT: Program Year Change Request: City of Brooklyn Center

REQUESTED ACTION: The City of Brooklyn Center and MnDOT request a program year change for its Highway 252 projects at 66th Avenue (109-010-007) and 70th Avenue (109-090-002) from 2021 to 2023.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommend to TAC approval of the program year change request to move Brooklyn Center's Highway 252 projects at 66th Avenue (109-010-007) and 70th Avenue (109-090-002) from 2021 to 2023.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The City of Brooklyn Center received two projects on Highway 252 in the 2016 Regional Solicitation: \$7 million for construction of an interchange at 66th Avenue North and \$1,902,640 for a pedestrian overpass at 70th Avenue North. Both projects are programmed for 2021. MnDOT recently received Corridors of Commerce funding for converting Highway 252 to a freeway and adding MnPASS to Highway 252/I-94. This larger Corridors of Commerce project is slated for delivery in 2023 and encompasses the two Regional Solicitation projects within its project area. The Corridors of Commerce project on Highway 252 needs to wait until 2023 because a parallel north-south corridor, I-35W, will be under construction from 2019-2022 to add a MnPASS lane and make other improvements. MnDOT and other project partners do not want to have major construction projects on parallel corridors due to the negative congestion impacts this would cause.

In an effort to coordinate all the Highway 252 projects, the City of Brooklyn Center, along with MnDOT, is requesting that its two Regional Solicitation projects be moved from 2021 to 2023.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) manages the \$90 million annual program of projects programmed by the Regional Solicitation.

STAFF ANALYSIS: While the program year policy only allows for one-year project extensions, this is a unique circumstance in that MnDOT is making this request after receiving competitive funding for a project that overlaps the City's projects. From a stewardship perspective, it is preferred for these projects to be on the same schedule. Between projects in the 2018 Regional Solicitation requesting 2021 (or earlier) funding and other previously selected projects seeking advance construction payback, staff is confident that 2021 funds can be fully utilized if this program year change is granted.

ROUTING

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



December 6, 2018

Mr. Paul Oehme
Chair, TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55101-1805

RE: Program Year Change Request for SP 109-010-007 and SP 109-090-002
MN Hwy 252 at 66th Avenue and 70th Avenue Improvements

Dear Mr. Oehme,

The City of Brooklyn Center respectfully requests that the Funding and Programming Committee consider a program year change for the above referenced project. The current program year is 2021 and includes the construction of an interchange at Hwy 252 and 66th Avenue and a pedestrian bridge at Hwy 252 and 70th Avenue. We request the programmed funding be made available in fiscal year 2023.

MnDOT received Corridors of Commerce bond funding for converting Hwy 252 to a freeway and adding MnPASS to Hwy 252/I-94 from Hwy 610 to Dowling Avenue through the Corridors of Commerce competitive process in 2018. The Brooklyn Center projects are within MnDOT's project corridor. The City of Brooklyn Center is working with the Metropolitan Council, MnDOT and Hennepin County to coordinate the development and delivery all three of these projects. The Corridors of Commerce project is likely to be delivered in 2023 due to coordination with other major projects on parallel and adjacent routes on I-35W, US 10 and I-94. In addition, the Corridor of Commerce bonds for the project are not available until 2023.

We request the Funding and Programming Committee's support for changing the Brooklyn Center interchange and pedestrian bridge projects' program year to 2023 to align with the Corridors of Commerce project. Please contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Doran M. Cote, P.E.
Public Works Director

CC: April Crockett, West Area Manager, MnDOT-Metro
Mike Albers, Brooklyn Center City Engineer

City of Brooklyn Center | Public Works - Engineering Division



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December 5, 2018

Mr. Paul Oehme
Chair, TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street North
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RE: Program Extension Request for SP 109-010-007 and SP 109-090-002
MN Hwy 252 at 66th Avenue and 70th Avenue Improvements

Greetings Mr. Oehme,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Funding and Programming Committee consider a program year change for the above referenced projects, whose sponsor is the City of Brooklyn Center. The projects' current program year is 2021 and includes the construction of an interchange at Hwy 252 and 66th Avenue and a pedestrian bridge at Hwy 252 and 70th Avenue. At this time, we request the funding be made available in fiscal year 2023.

MnDOT received Corridors of Commerce bond funding through a competitive process in 2018 for a corridor including Hwy 252 and I-94. The above referenced projects are within that corridor. MnDOT is working with Brooklyn Center and Hennepin County to coordinate the development and delivery the Corridors of Commerce project along with these local projects. The Corridors of Commerce project is likely to be delivered in 2023 due to coordination of other major projects on parallel and adjacent routes in the I-35W, US 10 and I-94 corridors. In addition, the Corridor of Commerce bonds for this project are not currently available until 2023 because the bonding legislation provides funding for this project starting in 2023.

We request the Funding and Programming Committee's support for extending these projects' program year to 2023. Please contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Scott McBride'.

Scott McBride
Metro District Engineer

CC: Doran M. Cote, Director of Public Works, City of Brooklyn Center
Lynne Bly, Director of Planning, Program Management, and Transit, MnDOT-Metro
April Crockett, West Area Manager, MnDOT-Metro