

**T** Transportation Committee  
 Meeting date: February 27, 2012,  
 For the Council Meeting of March 14, 2012

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** February 10, 2012  
**Subject:** Controlled Access Approval for construction of an interchange at TH 169 and CSAH 30 (93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) in Brooklyn Park. Review #20910-2  
**District(s), Member(s):** District 2, Lona Schreiber  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** Mn. Statute 473.166  
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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council, approve a request by MnDOT to construct an interchange at TH 169 and 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Brooklyn Park, conditional upon any significant changes in the design of the proposed project being subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council prior to construction.

**Background**

Minnesota state law (MS. 473.166) requires that the Council approve any controlled access highway in the metropolitan area before construction or right-of-way acquisition begins. This is to ensure that proposed highway projects are consistent with regional policies and plans.

This project replaces the existing signalized intersection in Brooklyn Park at TH 169 and CSAH 30 (93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) with a grade-separated interchange. The interchange will have loop ramps for vehicles exiting from northbound TH 169 and vehicles entering TH 169 southbound from 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The interchange is located between the recently reconstructed TH 169/ CR 81/CR 109 interchange ("the triangle interchange") and the TH 610/TH169 interchange (see attached maps). It eliminates the last remaining signalized intersection on TH 169 between TH 610 in Brooklyn Park and I-494 in Bloomington.

If approved, construction will begin in the spring of 2013 and will be completed in the fall.

**Rationale**

TH 169 is a principal arterial highway that serves as an important component of the state and regional transportation system, supporting local and regional economic development. The project is consistent with the regional Transportation Policy Plan.

**Funding**

The estimated project cost is \$18M and is funded one third each by the MnDOT Metro District, Brooklyn Park/ Hennepin County and MnDOT's competitive Safety and Mobility (SAM) Interchange Program.

**Known Support/Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the project.