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Karl Keel, P.E.  
Chair, TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert St. N.  
St. Paul, MN 55101-1805

**SUNSET DATE EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SP 146-020-011, IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF CSAH 10/TH 10/COUNTY ROAD H IN THE CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW**

Dear Mr. Keel:

Ramsey County respectfully requests that the Funding and Programming Committee consider a one year sunset date extension for the above-referenced project at its July 19, 2012 meeting. The project's current sunset date is March 31, 2013.

In 2014 MnDOT has plans to reconstruct the bridge on County Road H over I-35W including County Road H up to the intersection with CSAH 10/TH 10. Because the MnDOT project limits on County Road H overlap with the limits of Ramsey County's CSAH 10/TH 10/County Road H intersection improvements, we would like to delay the project until 2014 so that the improvements can be designed and constructed concurrently. This approach also provides a mechanism for MnDOT to contribute funds toward the replacement of the CSAH 10/TH 10/County Road H traffic signal, which is proposed with the Ramsey County project. We request the Funding and Programming Committee's support for this request to extend the sunset date for this project to March 31, 2014.

If additional information is needed or there are questions regarding this project, please contact Beth Engum at 651-266-7115 or by e-mail at [beth.engum@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:beth.engum@co.ramsey.mn.us).

Sincerely,

James E. Tolaas, P.E.  
Director of Public Works/County Engineer

Enclosures

C: James Andrew, Transportation Planner, Met Council  
Colleen VanWagner, MnDOT State Aid

**REQUEST FOR SUNSET DATE EXTENSION  
FOR  
SP 146-020-11  
IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF CSAH 10/TH 10/COUNTY ROAD H  
IN  
THE CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW, RAMSEY COUNTY**

**REQUESTED BY:  
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**SPONSORING AGENCIES:**

The project is under the jurisdiction of Ramsey County, with the support of the City of Mounds View.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed work consists of reconstructing the east and west legs of the CSAH 10/TH 10/County Road H intersection to include dedicated right-turn, left-turn, and through lanes in each direction as well as construction of raised concrete medians, pedestrian ramps, bituminous trail on the south side of County Road H, replacement of the traffic signal, drainage improvements, and any necessary stormwater improvements to accommodate runoff.

**FUNDING CATEGORY:**

The project has \$630,000 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for Fiscal Year 2012.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:**

The estimated total project cost is \$2,000,000. The local match will be paid with County Turnback funds, CSAH funds, and municipal funds.

**PROJECT PROGRESS:**

See the project schedule below identifying project progress to date.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SUNSET DATE EXTENSION REQUEST:**

MnDOT plans to reconstruct the County Road H bridge over I-35W in 2014. The limits of their project overlap with the limits of the County’s planned improvements at the CSAH 10/TH 10/County Road H intersection. Specifically, the entire easterly leg of the CSAH 10/TH 10/County Road H intersection falls within the limits of the MnDOT project. In order to most efficiently and effectively coordinate the improvements of the two projects and to avoid potential costly reconstruction of the overlapping leg, we would like to develop and construct both sets of improvements concurrently. Extending the County project’s sunset date to March 31, 2014 will allow this. We are and will continue to work closely with MnDOT project personnel to ensure the project development is coordinated to meet the new sunset date.

If the requested extension is not granted, the County will immediately proceed with development of the project to include the full scope of improvements on the westerly leg of the CSAH 10/TH 10/County Road H intersection, full replacement of the traffic signal, and only the improvements on the easterly leg of the intersection necessary for full utilization of the new traffic signal. Improvements on the east side of Highway 10 would be limited to what is necessary for safe and efficient operations at the intersection while minimizing the amount of new roadway that would require reconstruction as a part of the MnDOT project. We believe that designing and constructing the intersection in conjunction with MnDOT's project will result in the best possible set of roadway improvements for this area, rather than constructing two separate projects.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The schedule below outlines the progress of the project to date as well as the schedule moving forward assuming the sunset date extension is granted.

January 2012	Mounds View requests Ramsey County be the lead agency for project development
March 2012	County begins project development including design, updated cost estimating, identification of required easements, and preparation of the PM
April 2012	County learns MnDOT has replacement of the County Road H bridge over I-35W programmed for 2014/15

May 2012	County requests MnDOT construct their project in 2014 in order to facilitate coordinated design/development and concurrent construction
July 3, 2012	County receives letter from MnDOT committing to construction of the County Road H bridge over I-35W in 2014
July 2012	County requests sunset date be extended to March 31, 2014
Summer 2012	County/MnDOT determine design and administration roles for development and implementation of the improvements
Fall 2012	Preliminary Design
Early 2013	Public Open House
Spring 2013	Begin Final Design
Fall 2013	Review and Approval
Early 2014	Letting
Spring 2014	Being Construction
Fall 2014	End Construction

**PROGRESS SCHEDULE FOR SUNSET EXTENSION**

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

EA                     PROJECT MEMORANDUM  
 Completed/Approved  
                    Date of approval \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not Complete  
                    Anticipated Date of Completion 07/01/13\_\_\_\_\_

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING (not necessary for project memorandum)

Completed  
                    Date of approval \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not Complete  
                    Anticipated Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (not required for project memorandum)

Completed/FONSI Approved  
                    Date of approval \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not Complete  
                    Anticipated Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

STUDY REPORT (required for Environmental Assessment Only)

Complete/Approved  
                    Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not Complete  
                    Anticipated Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

CONSTRUCTION PLANS

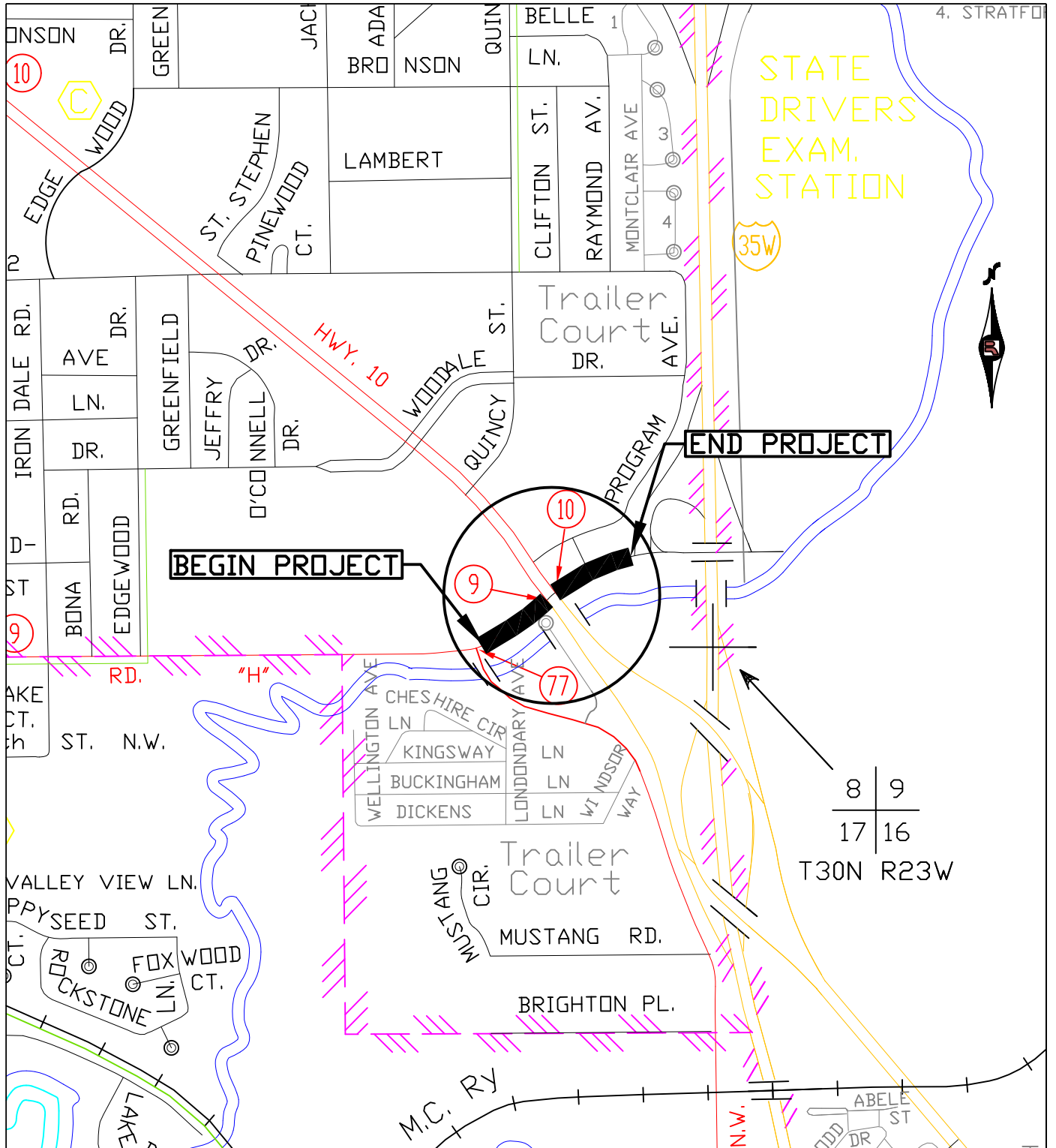
Completed (includes signature of District State Aid Engineer)  
                    Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not Complete  
                    Anticipated Date of Completion 10/31/13\_\_\_\_\_

RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

Completed (includes approval of R/W Cert. #1 or #1A)  
                    Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not Complete  
                    Anticipated Date of Completion 11/30/13\_\_\_\_\_

LETTING

Anticipated Letting Date 3/01/14\_\_\_\_\_



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**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**  
 COUNTY ROAD H &  
 C.S.A.H. 10

