

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2011-33

**DATE:** March 9, 2011  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment request for additional local funds to Dakota County  
SP#091-090-048: Mississippi River Trail from Cahill to Pine Bend Bluffs  
Trailhead.  
**MOTION:** That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP that adds  
additional local funds to Dakota County SP#091-090-048: Mississippi  
River Trail from Cahill to Pine Bend Bluffs Trailhead .

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This amendment is needed to address changes to the original project currently in 2011 of the TIP. The project cost has increased from \$606,000 to \$1,150,000 because of a trail alignment shift, a need for sheet piling and a modular block wall. Also, additional federal funds will be added that come from savings due to part of the trail being constructed with a Mn/DOT project. The scope of the original project has not changed. This TIP amendment does not affect fiscal constraint as the federal funds are being adjusted but not increased and all increased costs are the responsibility of Dakota County. Additional background material is attached.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 17, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	March 2, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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February 17, 2011

Karl Keel, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
 390 N. Robert St.  
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: Amendment to the Minnesota 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: 091-090-048 Construct Miss River Regional Ped/Bike Trail  
 Federal Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to address changes in the above referenced project which is currently in SFY 2011 of the TIP. The project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	D I S T	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
1419	2011	M	M	Ped/Bike	091-040-048	Dakota County	Cahill to Pine Bend Bluffs Trailhead, Inver Grove Hts. – Construct Miss River Regional Ped/Bike Trail	1.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
EN	Pedestrian Bike Trail	TEA	1,150,000	691,409	0	0	0	458,591 (County Funds)

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**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g. project in previous TIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

Project 091-090-048 is currently in the 2011-2014 STIP in SFY 2011(Seq. # 1419). This amendment is needed to identify an increase in the total project cost from \$606,000 to \$1,150,000, a difference of \$544,000. The increase in cost is due to a trail alignment shift, a need for sheet piling and a modular block wall.

Originally, project 091-090-063(Seq.#1425)was created to reflect the cost of right of way needed for project 091-090-48. After further project development, the County determined that they would prefer to purchase the needed right of way with local funds and not federal funds. Therefore, the \$48,000 of federal funds identified in project 091-090-63 is being combined with the construction project 091-090-048.

In SFY 2009, MnDOT was constructing a project on US 52 in the same area as the trail alignment. Dakota County allotted MnDOT \$240,000 of the original federal funds awarded in the 2009 TAB Solicitation to construct a portion of the trail. This portion of the trail was completed with the MnDOT project 1907-68 in SFY 2009, but only \$81,391 was utilized of the \$240,000. This leaves \$158,609 federal funds for project 091-090-048.

The scope of the original project has not changed. However,due to an updated cost estimate, additional funds being added from combining right of way funds and adding remaining federal funds from the MnDOT project, the total cost of the project has increased from \$606,000 to \$1,150,000. Federal funds increased from \$484,800 to \$691,409 a difference of \$206,609 and the local

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match has changed from \$121,000 to \$458,591. This local match is higher than the required 20% match of \$172,852.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money – ( indicate type here) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Discretionary, Special Allocations or Other New Funding Sources)
- Anticipated Advance Construction \_\_\_\_\_
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_  
of other projects     X
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP target \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

The amount of federal funds has increased from \$484,800 to \$691,409, a difference of \$206,609. Fiscal Constraint is maintained in the following manner:

- \$484,800 is identified in SFY2011 under project 091-090-048(Seq. #1419)
- \$ 48,000 is identified in SFY 2011 under project 091-090-063(Seq.#1425)
- \$158,609 is available in SFY 2011 by the deferral of project 6205-37(Seq. # 1486) US 10 from I35W to I-694 Arden Hills to Mounds View-Mill & Overlay, Guardrail, Drainage. The project identifies \$2,272,000 federal funds available in SFY 2011. Project 091-090-048(Seq. #1419) will utilize \$158,609 of the available funds leaving \$2,113,391 federal funds available for future projects.

The total of the three identified federal fund amounts is \$691,409, which is needed for project 091-090-048.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009. The amendment is also consistent with the 2030 Policy Plan update adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 and transmitted to MnDOT on November 22, 2010 for transmittal to USDOT for a conformity determination.

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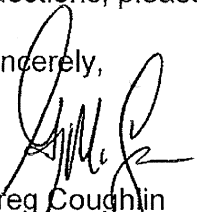
**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from regional level analysis\* .....   X
- Exempt from project level analysis\* .....   X
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation\* ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

\*Exempt Project Category #AQ2 – Bicycle and pedestrian facilities  
Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

We are requesting approval of this STIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please call Scott Eue at (651) 234- 7764.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Coughlin  
State Aid Engineer  
Metro District

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management  
Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Management  
Scott Eue, Metro State Aid

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## Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund Application

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete and return to Kevin Roggenbuck, Transportation Coordinator, Transportation Advisory Board, Mears Park Centre, 230 E. Fifth Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. (651) 602-1728. **Applications must be received by 5:00 PM or postmarked on July 29, 2005. \*Be sure to complete and attach the Project Information form.**

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### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

RECEIVED

1. APPLICANT <b>Dakota County Office of Planning</b>			
2. JURISDICTIONAL AGENCY (IF DIFFERENT)			AUG 19 2005
3. MAILING ADDRESS <b>14955 Galaxie Avenue</b>			
CITY <b>Apple Valley</b>	STATE <b>MN</b>	ZIP CODE <b>55124</b>	4. COUNTY <b>Dakota</b>
5. CONTACT PERSON <b>Lynn Moratzka</b>		TITLE <b>Manager, Office of Planning</b>	PHONE NO. <b>(952) 891-7033</b>
CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS: <b>LYNN.MORATZKA@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US</b>			

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### II. PROJECT INFORMATION


6. PROJECT NAME **Mississippi River Regional Trail - Cahill Avenue to Pine Bend Bluffs Trailhead**

7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Please provide TE program eligibility activity group (scenic/environmental, bicycle/pedestrian, or historic/archaeological), location, project or program description, etc...)

This application seeks funding for the Mississippi River Regional Trail (MRRT) Cahill Avenue to Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area (SNA), segment of the overall planned MRRT from South St. Paul to Hastings. This request is one of two TE requests being submitted in 2005 for the MRRT route through Inver Grove Heights. Development of this trail involves construction of 1.6 miles of off-road bituminous trail at a desired width of 10 feet. The MRRT Cahill to Pine Bend Bluffs Segment will be constructed as part of the MNDOT TH 52 Access Closure Project. The entire length of the trail will be adjacent to the MnDOT project. The application will be for eligibility activity group bicycle/pedestrian.

### III. PROJECT FUNDING

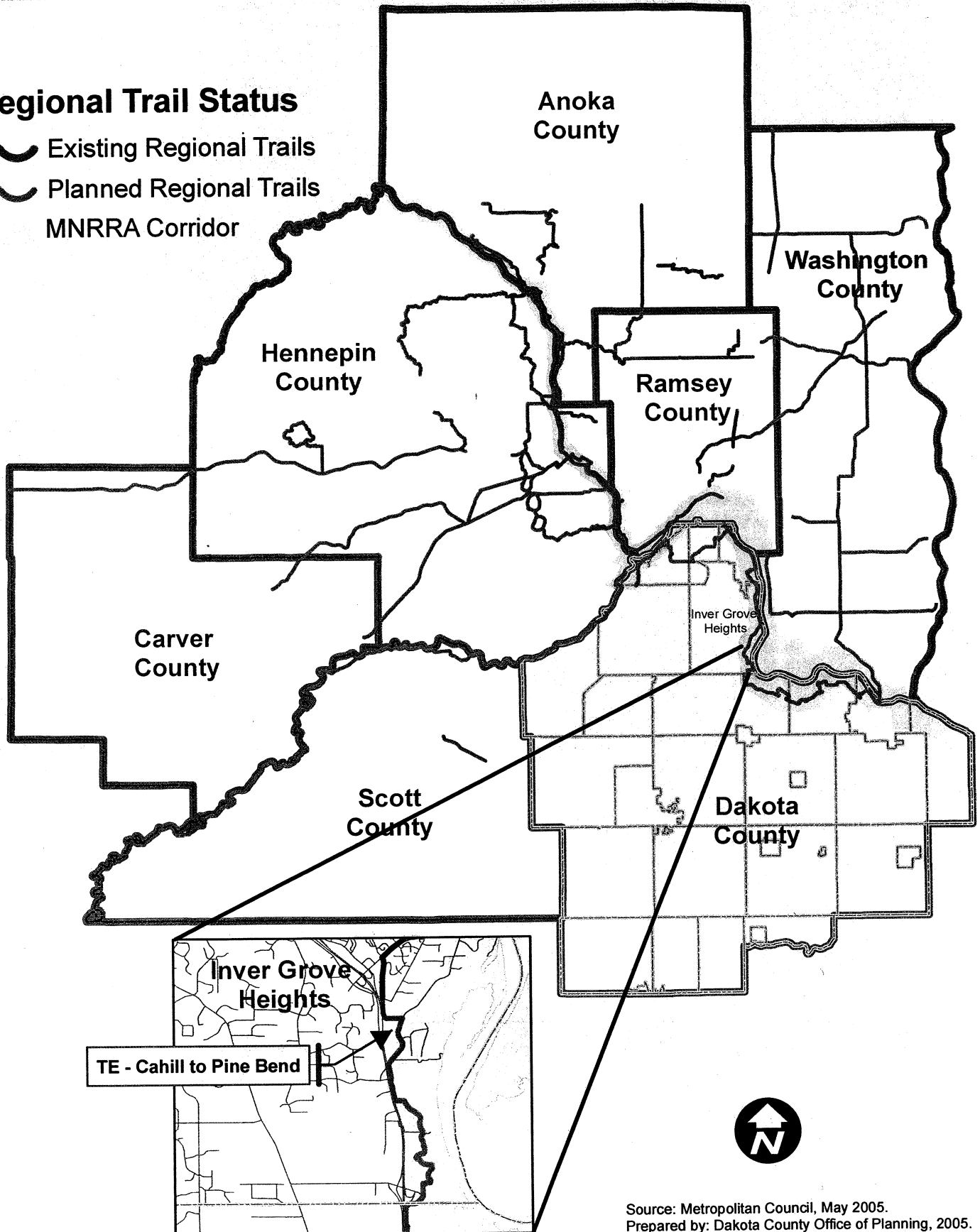
8. Are you applying or have you applied for funds from another source(s) to implement this project? Yes  No   
 If yes, please identify the source(s): **Metropolitan Council Parks and Open Space Funds**

9. FEDERAL AMOUNT \$ <b>736,000</b>	12. SOURCE OF MATCH FUNDS <b>Dakota County</b>
10. MATCH AMOUNT \$ <b>184,000</b>	13. MATCH % OF PROJECT TOTAL <b>20%</b>
11. PROJECT TOTAL \$ <b>920,000</b>	14. REQUESTED PROGRAM YR (CIRCLE ONE) <b>2009</b> 2010
16. SIGNATURE 	17. TITLE <b>Manager, Dakota County Office of Planning</b>

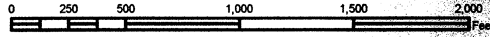
# Mississippi River Regional Trail - Cahill to Pine Bend Bluffs Regional Context

## Regional Trail Status

-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  MNRRA Corridor



# Mississippi River Regional Trail - Topography (Cahill Ave. to Pine Bend Bluffs)



Cahill Ave. to Pine Bend Bluffs Segment

Cahill Avenue  
Existing Bike Trail

Pine Bend  
Elementary School

Inver Grove Trail

Existing Rail  
Underpass

Pine Bend Bluffs SNA

Hwy 52/55

Bridge Over Rail Line  
To Be Constructed as  
Part of MNDOT Road  
Project (w/trail)

Mississippi River

Pine Bend Bluffs SNA

