

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2011-64

DATE: November 3, 2011
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: Sunset Date Extension for Ramsey County SP#62-596-03 (STP) and SP#62-696-026 (HSIP) TH 10/CSAH 96 Interchange Construction.

MOTION: That the TAB approve a one year sunset date extension from March 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012 for Ramsey County SP#62-596-03 (STP) and SP#62-696-026 (HSIP) TH 10/CSAH 96 Interchange Construction.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This extension is needed to allow Ramsey County to obtain municipal consent from Arden Hills and in completing the right-of-way plan.

The city of Arden Hills has denied municipal consent to these projects due to construction timing problems with the reconstruction of I694/TH51/TH10. Also, there have been delays in obtaining the right-of-way certificate which is required prior to authorization and bid letting.

Background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	October 20, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	November 2, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	



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October 5, 2011

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**SUNSET DATE REQUEST FOR SAP 062-596-003, SP 062-696-026 AND SP 6205-38,
CONSTRUCTION OF A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF
RAMSEY CSAH 96 AND TH 10, IN THE CITY OF ARDEN HILLS**

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 October 20, 2011 meeting.

The enclosed information reviews the project scope, progress to date, and the reasons for this request. There are two primary reasons to delay the project until 2013: The City of Arden Hills has denied municipal consent for this project based on, among other things, concerns about coordinating its timing with MN/DOT's I-694/TH 10/TH 51 project so that impacts to local and regional travel are minimized. Also, there have been delays in completing the right of way plan which will delay acquisition of right of way and obtaining a right of way certificate, as required prior to contract letting. We request the Funding and Programming Committee's support for this request to extend the sunset date for this project to March 31, 2013.

If additional information is needed or there are questions regarding this project, please contact Joe Lux at 651-266-7114 or by e-mail at joseph.lux@co.ramsey.mn.us.

Sincerely,

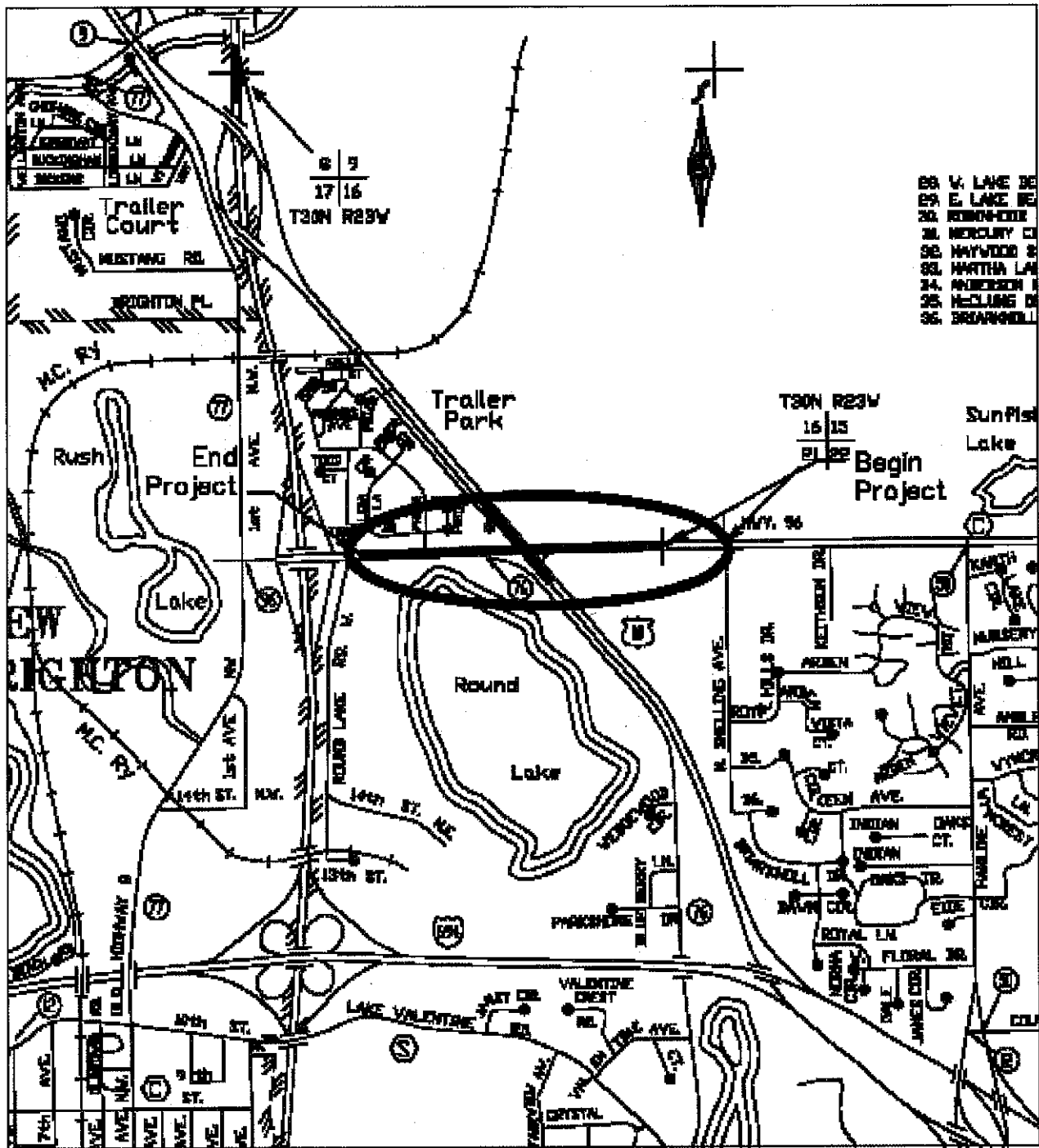
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Enclosures

C: James Andrew, Transportation Planner, Met Council
Colleen VanWagner, MN/DOT State Aid

**REQUEST FOR SUNSET DATE EXTENSION
FOR
SAP 062-596-003, SP 062-696-026, AND SP 6205-38
INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF
MINNESOTA TRUNK HIGHWAY 10 AND RAMSEY COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY 96
IN
THE CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, RAMSEY COUNTY**

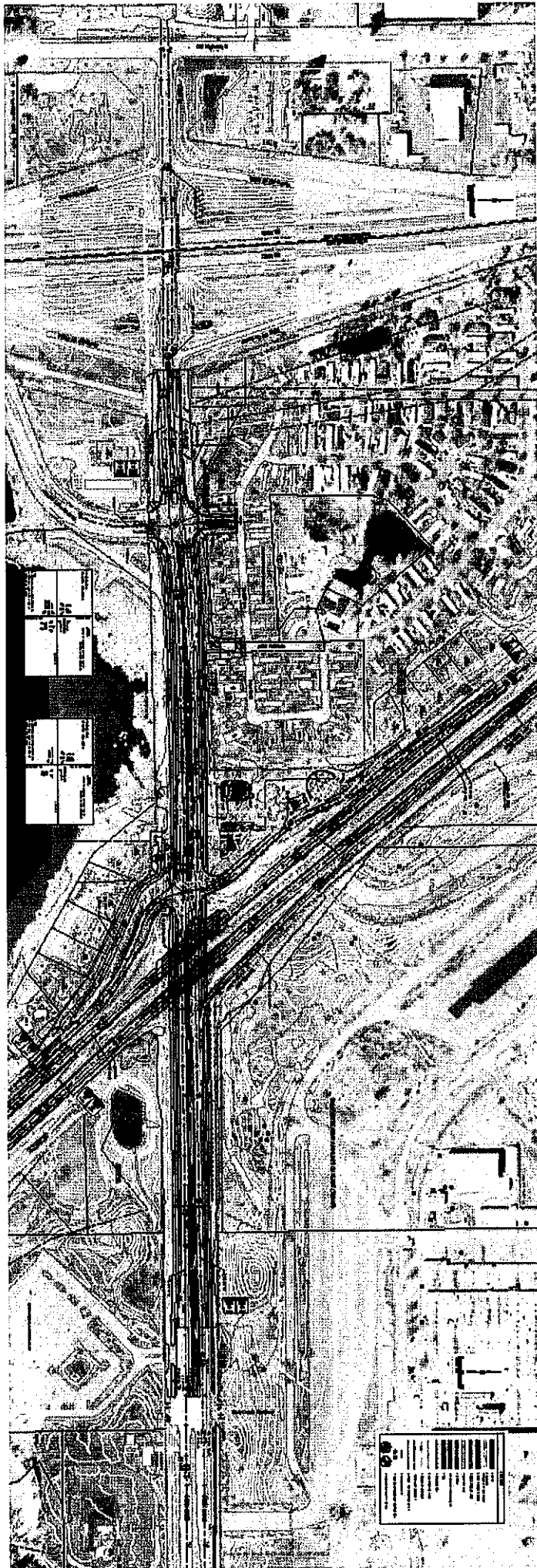
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RAMSEY COUNTY
 Department of Public Works

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

TH 10
 at CSAH 96



Preliminary Layout

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed work consists of reconstructing the intersection of CSAH 96 and TH 10 as a grade-separated interchange. The project termini are from just east of the east ramp at the CSAH 96/I-35W interchange to approximately 1,200 feet east of the current CSAH 96/TH 10 intersection on CSAH 96 and from approximately 600 feet south of the intersection to approximately 600 feet north of the intersection on TH 10.

FUNDING CATEGORY: The project has \$5,630,000 on STP Urban Guarantee funding and \$2,000,000 in HSIP funding allocated to it.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: The estimated total project cost is \$10,203,778. The local match will be paid with County Turnback funds, CSAH funds, and municipal funds.

PROJECT PROGRESS:

- **Environmental Documentation-** An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for this project and request for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was requested on April 4, 2011. We are awaiting the final approval of the FONSI.
- **Construction Plans-** A Preliminary Layout was prepared by Bonestroo, Inc., and was approved on April 12, 2011. Final design is being done by MN/DOT and is approximately 60% complete.
- **Right of Way Acquisition-** A Right of Way plan is being prepared by MN/DOT. When it is complete, RFPs for appraisal and acquisition services will be sent out to pre-approved consulting firms. It is anticipated that approximately 12 parcels will require permanent and/or temporary easements and we expect right of way acquisition to be complete in early 2012.
- **Municipal Consent-** The Arden Hills City Council denied municipal consent to this project on July 7, 2011. Subsequent to that meeting, workshops were held with the City Council on August 15, 2011 and September 19, 2011 to review the City's issues that prevented the granting of municipal consent. Municipal Consent was again requested at the City Council's September 26, 2011 meeting and it was denied with four conditions to be met for approval. Three of those conditions have been met and the fourth has, in the opinions of Ramsey County and MN/DOT, been met but that must be agreed to by the City. We are confident that municipal consent will be received by the end of 2011.
- **Project Letting-** In order to properly coordinate with MN/DOT's I-694/TH 10/TH 51 interchange project, this project would have to be let in January or early February of 2012. To let the project any later would require a two-year closure of CSAH 96, which would be highly disruptive to local travel patterns. In meetings with MN/DOT and the City of Arden Hills, it was determined that to preserve staging efficiencies of the two projects, this project should not be let until sometime after mid-2012. To delay the letting until then requires the requested sunset date extension.