

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 28, 2011

Metropolitan Council meeting: April 13, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| Date: | March 17, 2011 |
| Subject: | 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Dakota County SP#091-090-048: Mississippi River Trail from Cahill to Pine Bend Bluffs Trailhead (TAB Action 2011-33) |
| District(s), Member(s): | District 16 - Wulff |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | TAB Action |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning 651- 602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719) |
| Division/Department: | Metropolitan Transportation Services |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that adds an additional \$544,000 to Dakota County State Project #091-090-048: Mississippi River Trail from Cahill to Pine Bend Bluffs Trailhead.

Background

The TIP amendment is needed to reflect a change in the trail alignment, a need for piling and modular block wall and the subsequent increase in cost. The project cost increased by \$544,000, from \$606,000 to \$1,150,000.

Rationale

In order to spend federal transportation funds, the project must be in the current TIP.

Funding

The \$1,150,000 project will be funded with \$691,409 in federal and \$458,591 local funds. Fiscal balance is maintained with the federal funds added from the deferral of a MnDOT project and transfer of funds intended for ROW acquisition. Dakota County will fund the local match.

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition was presented at the TAC or the TAB.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Bill Hargis
Chair

March 23, 2011

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Susan Haigh, Chair
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
St. Paul, MN 55101

Ms. Haigh,

On March 16, 2011, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to update the federal and matching amounts for SP#091-090-048: Mississippi River Trail from Cahill to Pine Bend Bluffs Trailhead.

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 steep slopes required the trail alignment to be moved as well as the construction of sheet piling and a modular block wall. The scope of the original project has not changed. This TIP amendment does not affect fiscal constraint as the federal funds are not being increased but reassigned from other projects. Any increased costs are the responsibility of Dakota County.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2011-33.

Sincerely,



for Bill Hargis,
Chair

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2011-33

DATE: March 23, 2011
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
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: The TAB adopted 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 not being increased but reassigned from other projects. Any increased costs are the responsibility of Dakota County. Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

| TO | ACTION REQUESTED | DATE COMPLETED |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| TAC Funding & Programming Committee | Review & Recommend | February 17, 2011 |
| Technical Advisory Committee | Review & Recommend | March 2, 2011 |
| TAB Programming Committee | Review & Recommend | March 16, 2011 |
| Transportation Advisory Board | Review & Adopt | March 16, 2011 |
| 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)
originally programmed for ROW acquisition, switched ad added to construction.
- \$ 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.

48,000
 158,609

 \$ 206,609

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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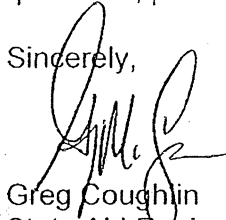
AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

TRANSPORTATION

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

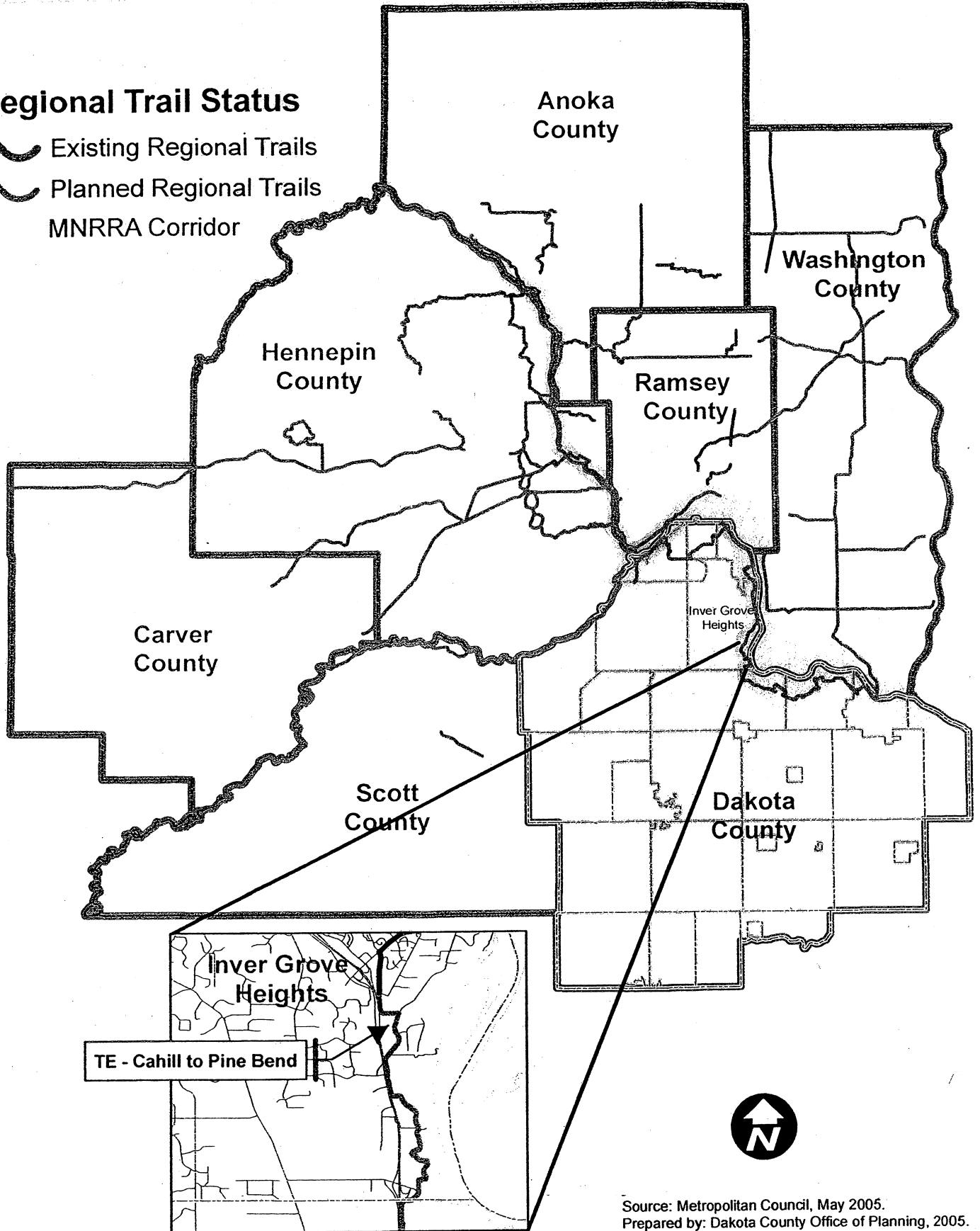
If yes, please identify the source(s): Metropolitan Council Parks and Open Space Funds

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

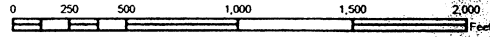
Mississippi River Regional Trail - Cahill to Pine Bend Bluffs Regional Context

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

