

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: August 27, 2012,
For the Council Meeting of September 12 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: August 20, 2012
Subject: Controlled Access Approval for construction of an interchange at TH 36 and English Street in Ramsey County. Review #21016-1
District(s), Member(s): District 11, Sandy Rummel
Policy/Legal Reference: Mn. Statute 473.166
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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve MnDOT's request to build a grade-separated, tight diamond interchange at TH 36 and English Street in Maplewood, 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 interchange will replace the existing signalized intersection as shown in the attached figure. Other improvements include the closure of right-in/right-out access points at Atlantic Street and Hazelwood Street, minor improvements to the local street system, implementation of storm water/water quality strategies, and replacement of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail. Construction of the interchange is expected to begin in the spring of 2013. The project is in the 2012-2015 TIP.

Rationale

The design of the project best meets the need to provide safe and efficient mobility while considering the environmental, economic, social and historic resource concerns present within the project area. The project is consistent with the regional Transportation Policy Plan.

Funding

The estimated total project cost is \$16,725,000 and is funded with a combination of federal, state, county and city monies.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the project.

