

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April, 25,
2007

Item: 2007-101 SW

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: April 24, 2007

Subject: Controlled Access Approval of the Construction of an interchange between TH 65 and TH 242/CSAH 14 in Anoka County. Review #19972-1

Summary of Committee Discussion:

Ann Braden, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented the business item to the committee and answered any questions the committee had. Haas Steffen moved and Susag seconded the recommendation. The committee approved the business item.

Recommendation:

1. That the Metropolitan Council, as required by Mn. Statute 473.166, approve a request by MnDOT to reconstruct Trunk Highway (TH) 65 between 121st Avenue/Paul Parkway and 129th Avenue in Blaine as shown on the attached map.
2. That any significant changes in the design of the proposed project are subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council prior to construction.

Meeting date: **April 23, 2007**

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: April 16, 2007
Subject: Controlled Access Approval of the Construction of an interchange between TH 65 and TH 242/CSAH 14 in Anoka County. Review #19972-1
District(s), Member(s): District 10, Kris Sanda
Policy/Legal Reference: Mn. Statute 473.166
Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director Metropolitan Transportation Services, 651-602-1754
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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action/Motion

- 1 That the Metropolitan Council, as required by Mn. Statute 473.166, approve a request by MnDOT to reconstruct Trunk Highway (TH) 65 between 121st Avenue/Paul Parkway and 129th Avenue in Blaine as shown on the attached map.
- 2 That any significant changes in the design of the proposed project are subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council prior to construction.

Overview, Issue(s) and Funding

The purpose of this project is to improve capacity, reduce the number of direct access points and improve safety at the intersection of TH 65 and TH 242/CSAH 14. The intersection of TH 65 and TH 242/CSAH 14 is one of the most congested and dangerous in Minnesota. Major components of the project are a single-point urban interchange at TH 242/CSAH 14; grade separation of TH 65 at 121st Avenue/Paul Parkway and at 129th Avenue. On TH 65, the southbound shoulder lanes and northbound auxiliary lanes will accommodate buses.

Reconstruction of the TH 65/TH 242 interchange is consistent with the Metropolitan Council's transportation policy plan and is shown in the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Estimated total project cost is \$30 million. Federal Surface Transportation Project (STP) funding was secured through the Transportation Advisory Board's regional solicitation and state funds came from the 2004 highway bond program. Project construction is scheduled to begin in July 2007 and is anticipated to end in the fall of 2009.

T.H. 65 FREEWAY
 PAUL PKWY / 121ST AVE to 129TH AVE

