

Transportation Committee

Executive Summary

Item: 2007-283

Consent

Meeting date:

Transportation Committee: September 10, 2007

Metropolitan Council: September 26, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: 8/27/2007
Subject: Controlled Access Approval for the I-94/Radio Drive Interchange in Woodbury (M.C. Review No. 20065-1)
District(s), Member(s): 12, Sherry Broecker
Policy/Legal Reference: Mn. Statute 473.166
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Proposed Action/Motion

1. That the Metropolitan Council, as required by Minnesota Statute 473.166 (Approval of construction of a controlled access facility) approve a request by MnDOT to reconstruct an interchange at Radio Drive and I-94 in Woodbury.
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.

Issue(s)

None.

Overview and Funding

The project adds a new entrance ramp from northbound Radio Drive to eastbound I-94 in Woodbury. The project also adds a one-way eastbound Frontage road that provides access to Hudson Road, and one additional northbound Radio Drive lane that will end at the loop to westbound I-94. The letting for this project is anticipated in spring 2008. It will be done by the City of Woodbury. The attached map shows the proposed design of the interchange.

Metro Transit has reviewed the proposed design and notes that the proposed changes to the interchange should improve traffic flow and should be a benefit to Express Routes 375, 351 and 353 which operate through this intersection in the afternoon. Route 375 service to the Guardian Angels Park and Ride in Oakdale is expected to increase during the next few years.

The estimated cost of the project is \$3,325,000. The funding partners include MnDOT, Washington County and the City of Woodbury. MnDOT and the City of Woodbury have entered into a funding agreement for the eastbound I-94 access ramp portion of the project, which will be funded initially by the City of Woodbury with a future reimbursement from MnDOT.

This project is consistent with the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Policy Plan and is included in the Draft adopted 2008-2011 TIP slated for Council adoption on September 12, 2007.

