



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: March 21, 2022

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AGENDA ITEM: Resolution of support for funding TH 169/Elm Creek Boulevard
Resolution No. 22-056

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Council, at their August 21, 2017 meeting, adopted Resolution No. 17-105 indicating support for the TH 169/Elm Creek Boulevard (CSAH 130) Project, and directed staff to complete the necessary updates to the interstate access request, environmental documents, and pursue necessary funding to complete the interchange reconstruction project.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-056, a resolution in support of the city's application for funding through the Metropolitan Council's 2022 Regional Solicitation program.

COMMENTS:

Introduction/Recommendation

The city has been pursuing various funding sources for the reconstruction of the TH 169/Elm Creek Boulevard (CSAH 130) interchange since 2009. Most recently, the city was unsuccessful in securing funding from the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation program in 2020. The attached resolution is required for the city to apply for the Metropolitan Council's 2022 Regional Solicitation program.

Background

For almost four decades, the City of Maple Grove has been in the process of planning development of the nearly 2,000-acre area known as the Gravel Mining Area (GMA). The GMA is generally located in the northwest quadrant of I-94 and TH 169. This area is served by two regional interchanges: I-94 / Hemlock Lane and TH 169 / Elm Creek Boulevard (CSAH 130). The TH 169 and Elm Creek Boulevard (CSAH 130) interchange is located along the east side, with Elm Creek Boulevard playing an important role as an east-west transportation corridor extending through the GMA. To address existing area operational issues and accommodate new development, the city is planning for the continued transformation of the area, which includes the proposed interchange improvements.

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In order to complete the interchange modifications, the City of Maple Grove is working with Hennepin County and MnDOT to complete the necessary updates to the interstate access request, environmental documents, and secure the necessary funding. The total costs for these improvements are estimated at \$18 million. As with many future transportation projects, funding remains the largest hurdle to completing the TH 169/Elm Creek Boulevard (CSAH 130) interchange project. To help close the funding gap, city staff plans to pursue 2022 Regional Solicitation later this month. If we are successful in receiving the maximum \$10 million funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation, the City of Maple along with their local partners (Hennepin County and MnDOT) will need to be able to commit to the remaining \$8 million funding as part of the required local match.

It is recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 22-056 indicating support of the city's application for funding of the TH 169/Elm Creek Boulevard (CSAH 130) project through the Metropolitan Council's 2022 Regional Solicitation program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution No. 22-056

Attachment B: Proposed TH 169/Elm Creek Boulevard (CSAH 130) interchange improvements