



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2023

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AGENDA ITEM: Resolution of support for funding Fish Lake interchange improvements
Resolution Nos. 23-018 and 23-019

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

At their November 21, 2022 meeting, Council adopted Resolution Nos. 22-176 and 22-177, resolutions in support of the City of Maple Grove and the I-94 West Corridor Coalition's 2022 Corridors of Commerce grant applications for funding of improvements to the Fish Lake interchange.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution Nos. 23-018 and 23-019, resolutions in support of the City of Rogers' 2022 Corridors of Commerce grant application, and the revised I-94 West Corridor Coalition's 2022 Corridors of Commerce grant application for funding of improvements to the Fish Lake interchange.

COMMENTS:

As the City of Maple Grove and the I-94 West Corridor Coalition was preparing to submit their applications for improvements to the Fish Lake Interchange as part of MnDOT's 2022 Corridors of Commerce program, staff met with representatives from the Metropolitan Council to discuss the proposed improvement projects. Following that meeting, it was decided that rather both of proposed improvements (one that added a lane to the westbound I-94 merge with northbound I-494, and the other that added a westbound I-94 auxiliary lane between Hemlock Lane and Weaver Lake) addressed different operational issues within the Fish Lake interchange. As a result, there might be a benefit to submit a third application that combined both the added a lane to the westbound I-94 merge with northbound I-494 and the added a westbound I-94 auxiliary lane between Hemlock Lane and Weaver Lake. After further discussion with the I-94 West Corridor Coalition members, it was decided that the City of Maple Grove will submit the application that adds a lane to the westbound I-94 merge with northbound I-494, the City of Rogers offered to submit the application that adds a westbound I-94 auxiliary lane between Hemlock Lane and Weaver Lake, and the I-94 West Corridor Coalition would submit the application that includes both of these proposed improvements.

The City of Maple Grove's application is pursuing \$4.9 million in funding from MnDOT's 2022 Corridors of Commerce program, the City of Rogers' application is pursuing \$8.5 million, and the I-94 West Corridor Coalition's application is pursuing \$13.4 million. Concept drawings of each of these proposed improvements are included in the attached figures.

Resolution No. 22-176 that the Council adopted at the November 21, 2022 meeting, indicating support for the city's 2022 Corridors of Commerce application for funding of an added lane to the westbound I-94 merge with northbound I-494 within the Fish Lake Road interchange, was included as part of the city's application to MnDOT. However, since City of Rogers agreed to submit the application that the I-94 West Corridor Coalition was originally planning on submitting, new resolutions of support are being requested for the City of Rogers application that would add a westbound I-94 auxiliary lane between Hemlock Lane and Weaver Lake., and the new I-94 West Corridor Coalition application for a combined project that adds a lane to the westbound I-94 merge with northbound I-494 and a westbound I-94 auxiliary lane between Hemlock Lane and Weaver Lake.

It is recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 23-018 indicating support for the City of Rogers 2022 Corridors of Commerce application for funding of a westbound I-94 auxiliary lane between Hemlock Lane and Weaver Lake. It is further recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 23-019 indicating support for the I-94 West Corridor Coalition's 2022 Corridors of Commerce application for funding of combined project that adds a lane to the westbound I-94 merge with northbound I-494 and a westbound I-94 auxiliary lane between Hemlock Lane and Weaver Lake.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution No. 23-018

Attachment B: Resolution No. 23-019

Attachment C: Proposed Fish Lake Interchange Improvement – City of Maple Grove Application

Attachment D: Proposed Fish Lake Interchange Improvement – City of Rogers Coalition Application

Attachment E: Proposed Fish Lake Interchange Improvement – I-94 West Corridor Coalition
Application