



**City Council Agenda Item 10
Meeting of January 10, 2022**

Title: Resolution for the Hopkins Crossroad Trail Project Safe Routes to School Grant Application

Report From: Chris Long, P.E., Assistant City Engineer

Submitted through: Mike Funk, Acting City Manager
Will Manchester, P.E., Public Works Director
Phil Olson, P.E., City Engineer

Action Requested: Motion Informational Public Hearing
Form of Action: Resolution Ordinance Contract/Agreement Other N/A
Votes needed: 4 votes 5 votes N/A Other

Summary Statement

The Hopkins Crossroad Trail Project proposes construction of a new trail along the east side of Hopkins Crossroad and staff continues to explore funding opportunities. The trail will provide connection to existing regional trails at its southerly limit at Cedar Lake Road, connection to a Metro Transit Park & Ride facility adjacent to its northerly limit at Wayzata Blvd / I-394, and connection to the Tanglen Elementary / Hopkins High School campus just east of the project.

Recommended Action

Adopt the attached resolution supporting the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant Application for the Minnetonka Safe Routes to School Project No. 22306.

Strategic Profile Relatability

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Strength & Operational Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe & Healthy Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability & Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Livable & Well-Planned Development |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure & Asset Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Inclusiveness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | |

Statement: The Hopkins Crossroad Trail Project includes the construction of a top priority trail segment, enhancing the trail network connectivity and city infrastructure.

Financial Consideration

- Is there a financial consideration? No Yes
- Financing sources: Budgeted Budget Modification New Revenue Source
 Use of Reserves Other

Statement: The Hopkins Crossroad Trail is budgeted in 2024 and 2025 of the 2022-2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Receipt of grants will reduce budgeted funding.

Background

City staff is in the process of completing a feasibility report for the consideration of a new trail along the east side of Hopkins Crossroad and is exploring funding opportunities. The city was successful in receiving regional solicitation money from the Metropolitan Council in 2020 for this trail project in the amount of \$2,364,700.

Proposed Improvements

The project includes the addition of an eight-foot wide bituminous trail along the east side of Hopkins Crossroad, from Cedar Lake Road (CSAH 16) to Oak Knoll Terrance North. Proposed improvements include:

- Off-street trail construction
- Concrete curb and gutter to provide a safety buffer from the existing road
- ADA improvements at all bus stops and street crossings
- Pedestrian refuge to provide safe crossing to and from LH Tanglen Elementary

Extensive coordination with Hennepin County staff was completed regarding the proposed trail and curb geometric requirements, other programmed county safety improvements to the corridor, funding, utility impacts and right-of-way impacts.

From these discussions and review, a layout was developed and supported by both agencies to illustrate the proposed improvements and right-of-way needs. The county fully supports the improvements and has provided its written support for the project.

Schedule

If the recommended actions are approved by council, an application will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant program. Construction of the trail is currently scheduled in the city's capital improvements program for 2024 and 2025.

Resolution No. 2022-

Resolution supporting the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant Application for the Minnetonka Safe Routes to School Project

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota as follows:

Section 1. Background.

- 1.01. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) administers the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grants program, which provides federal and state funding for projects to improve safety conditions and promote students walking and biking to school.
- 1.02. The Statewide SRTS solicitation has eight million in state dollar available for SRTS infrastructure projects in 2022 and 2023 with a minimum of \$50,000 and cap of \$500,000 for each project.
- 1.03. These funds have been designated for both stand-alone projects and to cover the local match costs of previously funded federal Transportation Alternatives projects.
- 1.04. The City of Minnetonka successfully applied for and received regional solicitation money from the Metropolitan Council in 2020 for the Hopkins Crossroad Multi-Use Trail project, to be constructed in 2024.
- 1.05. The City of Minnetonka intends to apply for a State SRTS Infrastructure Grant to contribute to the local match costs for the planned 2024 project.
- 1.06. Hopkins School District has been an active supporter of the project and has provided a Letter of Support.
- 1.07. The planned SRTS project works towards increasing safety for students to walk or bicycle to school.
- 1.08. The City of Minnetonka has ordinances in place allowing the city to require construction of sidewalks or trails for new developments, [Section 300.27.5.e.4].
- 1.09. The City of Minnetonka has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of the improvements.

Section 2. Council Action.

- 2.01. The City of Minnetonka will be the lead fiscal agent for the proposed project with the support and approval of Hennepin County.
- 2.02. As the lead fiscal agent, the City of Minnetonka agrees to work with MnDOT and all involved agencies to meet the following responsibilities:
 - a. Secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility of seeing the project through to its completion, with compliance to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations; and
 - b. Request SAP/SP number for the project; and

- c. Ensure the project meets milestones and dates; and
- d. Develop, review and/or approve the plan; and
- e. Submit plan, engineer's estimate, and proposal to the District State Aid Engineer (DSAE); and
- f. Advertise, let, and award the project; and
- g. Submit pay requests to State Aid; and
- h. Communicate progress and updates with the DSAEs and State Aid Programs Engineer; and
- i. Ensure that the project receives adequate supervision and inspection; and
- j. Assist with project close-out.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, on Jan. 10, 2022.

Brad Wiersum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Koosman, City Clerk

ACTION ON THIS RESOLUTION:

Motion for adoption:

Seconded by:

Voted in favor of:

Voted against:

Abstained:

Absent:

Resolution adopted

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, at a meeting held on Jan. 10, 2022.

Becky Koosman, City Clerk



Minnetonka Trail Improvement Plan

