



**City Council Agenda Item 10
Meeting of December 19, 2022**

Title: Resolution for the Hopkins Crossroad Trail Project Active Transportation Grant Application

Report From: Matt Kumka, P.L.A, Park and Trail Project Manager

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

Staff continues to explore funding opportunities for the Hopkins Crossroad Trail Project which includes construction of a new trail along the east side of Hopkins Crossroad and along the south side of Hillside Lane West from Hopkins Crossroad to L.H. Tanglen Elementary. 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 Minnesota Department of Transportation Active Transportation Grant Application.

Strategic Profile Relatability

Financial Strength & Operational Excellence Safe & Healthy Community
Sustainability & Natural Resources Livable & Well-Planned Development
Infrastructure & Asset Management Community Inclusiveness
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 council approved the feasibility report and ordered the improvements for a new trail along the east side of Hopkins Crossroad at the city council meeting on Aug. 22, 2022. In 2021, the city secured a grant through the Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation Funding program in the amount of \$2,364,700. The grant application was successful due to the connections to schools, religious institutions and transit.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) administers the Active Transportation (AT) infrastructure grants program, which provides federal and state funding for projects to improve active transportation alternatives such as biking and walking routes. The statewide program solicitation has 3.5 million in state dollars available for active transportation infrastructure projects in 2023 and 2024, with a minimum of \$50,000 and a cap of \$500,000 for each project.

The city's application will request \$500,000 in funding to potentially be applied to the project and awards of funding generally occur around March 24, 2023.

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 Active Transportation Infrastructure grant

program. Plans and specifications will be brought to council for final approval with the intention of bidding the project in late fall of 2023. Burial of the overhead power lines and private utility relocation will begin in 2023. Construction of the trail would likely begin in the spring of 2024. The project is planned to be substantially completed in the fall of 2024.

Resolution No. 2022-XXX

Resolution supporting the Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Application for the Minnetonka Hopkins Crossroads Trail 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 Active Transportation (AT) infrastructure grants program, which provides federal and state funding for projects to improve active transportation alternatives such as biking and walking routes.
- 1.02. The statewide program solicitation has 3.5 million in state dollars available for active transportation infrastructure projects in 2023 and 2024, 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 Regional Solicitation Funding program 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 AT Infrastructure Grant to contribute to the local match costs for the planned 2024 project.
- 1.06. 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].
- 1.07. 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 Dec. 19, 2022.

Brad Wiersum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Koosman, City Clerk

ACTION ON THIS RESOLUTION:

Motion for adoption:

Seconded by:

Voted in favor of:

Voted against:

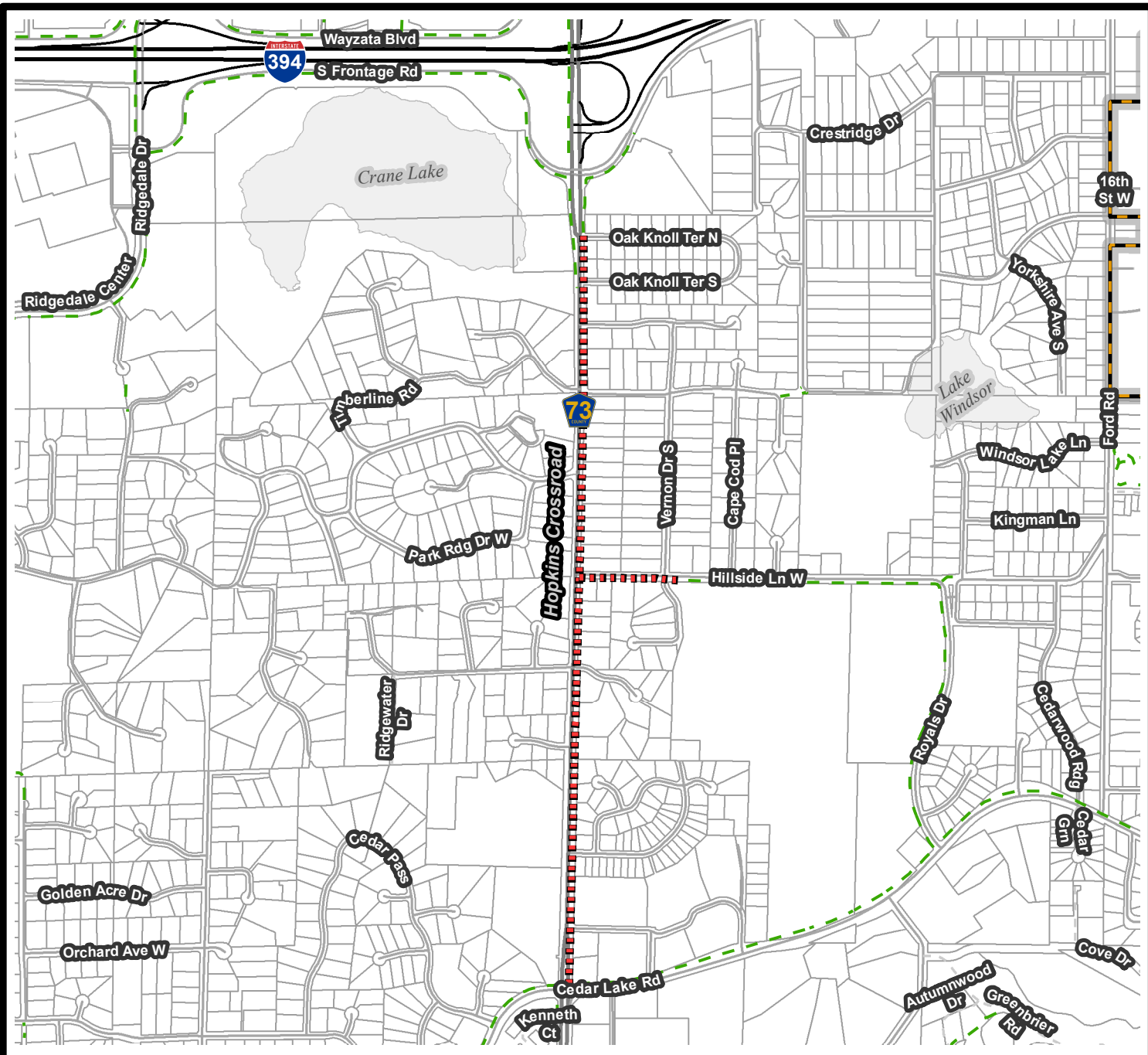
Abstained:

Absent:

Resolution adopted

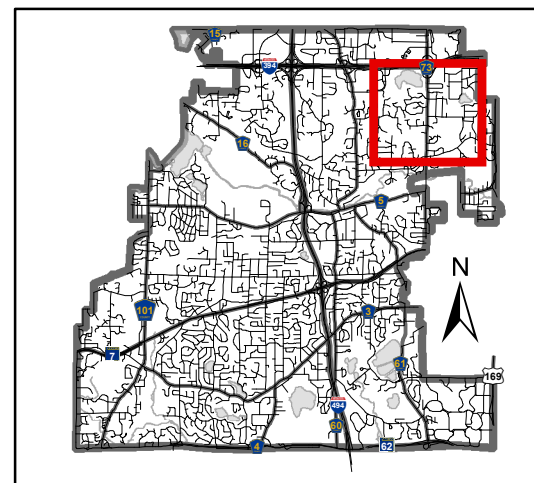
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, at a meeting held on Dec. 19, 2022.

Becky Koosman, City Clerk



Hopkins Crossroad Trail Improvements Project

- - - - - Proposed Trails
- - - - - Existing Trails



This map is for illustrative purposes only.