

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Item No.: 11.a

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Public Improvement Hearing for Rice Street/ TH 36 Bridge Reconstruction Project

BACKGROUND

On February 8, 2010, the City Council received the feasibility report for the Rice Street/ TH 36 Bridge Reconstruction Project and ordered the public hearing. Prior to opening the hearing, staff will present general information regarding construction, standards, and assessments that apply for this project. This project is being managed by Ramsey County and MnDOT.

The purpose of the proposed Rice Street/Highway 36 interchange improvements is to address existing and future safety and operational deficiencies. The need for the project is driven by:

- Anticipated increase in traffic volumes on Rice Street from 20,000 vehicles per day to (existing) to 27,200 vehicles per day (2033)
- Rice Street bridge over Highway 36 no longer meets current geometric standards
- Rice Street bridge is in poor condition and eligible for federal bridge replacement funding.
- Closely spaced intersections do not comply with current Mn/DOT access management standards and cause traffic flow issues
- Non- motorized transportation facilities along Rice Street are not continuous, creating a bottleneck at TH 36.

As traffic volumes increase, safety and traffic operations will continue to deteriorate if existing deficiencies are not addressed. The feasibility report details the proposed design, neighborhood impact, estimated cost and proposed funding for the construction of these public improvements. Consistent with Ramsey County's cost sharing policy, a portion of the street reconstruction costs will be charged to the City of Roseville. It is the City's policy to assess adjacent property owners for up to 25% of the City of Roseville's cost for County Projects.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

Because this is a street reconstruction project, the City's policy is to assess a portion of the costs as allowed for in State Statute 429. Assuming this project is completed by fall 2011, the final assessment amount would be determined following a thorough review of the proposed assessments by the Council at an assessment hearing in the fall of 2012. These assessments can either be paid up front in the fall of 2012, or be put against taxes payable in 2013 for 15 years at around 7% (rate set at time of hearing).

This project has financial implications for the city including the following:

1. Assessments levied in accordance with the City's assessment policy.
2. Use of Municipal State Aid (MSA) dollars to fund the majority of Roseville's portion of the cost for the Rice Street/ TH 36 reconstruction project.
3. Expenditure of utility fund dollars to pay for the repairs needed to the existing utility

system.

The special assessment rate was calculated as follows:

Assessment Summary	
Roseville Street Reconstruction Costs	\$199,600.00
Ramsey County Inspection (12%)	\$44,700.00
Roseville Engineering Cost (5%)	\$9,980.00
Right-of-way acquisition	\$25,000.00
Total assessable project cost	\$279,280.00
Total Frontage (feet)	1,791.06
Assessment Rate (100%)	\$155.93
Assessment Rate (25%)	\$38.98

The final plans and specifications are available in the office of the City Engineer for review. Staff has reviewed the plans at each stage of their development and has found them to be consistent with the feasibility report that has been provided to the City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The Ramsey County TH 36/Rice Street Interchange Improvements, Roseville City Project 09-11, are proposed to be financed through various Federal, State, County and City funding sources. The following is a summary of the current financing plan for the project.

Financing Source	Amount
Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds	\$7,000,000
Local Interchange Funds	\$5,000,000
State of Minnesota	\$2,000,000
Department Of Employment & Economic Development (DEED) Funds	\$1,500,000
State Aid Turn Back Funds	\$2,200,000
Mn/DOT Bridge Funds	\$5,000,000
Mn/DOT Cooperative Agreement	\$590,000
City of Roseville	\$465,000
City of Little Canada	\$350,000
City of Maplewood	\$120,000
Roseville Community Requested Facility Charge	\$325,000
Little Canada Franchise Fee	\$350,000
Other Funds	\$3,800,000
Total	\$28,700,000

Roseville's share of the overall project cost is approximately 2 percent. The City of Roseville share of the project costs will be funded with Municipal State Aid funds, utility funds, and assessments as shown in the table below:

Financing Source	Estimated Amount
Municipal State Aid (MSA)	\$201,380
Special Assessments	\$69,820
Water Utility Fund	\$193,800
Total	\$465,000

47 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

48 Staff recommends that the City Council order these proposed public improvements and approve
49 plans and specifications consistent with the feasibility report provided to the City Council on
50 February 8, 2010.

51 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

52 Approve a resolution ordering the improvement and approving plans and specifications for the Rice
53 Street/ TH 36 Bridge Reconstruction Project

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Attachments: A: Resolution ordering the improvement and approving plans and specifications for the Rice Street/
TH 36 Bridge Reconstruction Project.

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