



Minnesota Department of Transportation

District 1, Duluth
1123 Mesaba Ave.
Duluth, MN, 55811

June 13, 2024

Matthew Wegwerth
Public Works Director / City Engineer
City of Grand Rapids

RE: Request for City Approval (Municipal Consent) of the Final Layout for SP 3104-61

Dear Matt,

MnDOT is proceeding with plans to complete State Project 3104-61, highway 2 mill and overlay from the east junction of highway 169 to 0.25 miles east of the Gunn Road. In accordance with Minnesota Statute 161.164, I am submitting for City approval the project's Final Layout, identified as Layout No. 1, S.P. 3104-61.

The City's approval (municipal consent) is required for this project because it requires acquisition of permanent rights of way (the state is acquiring the underlying fee within our existing permanent highway easement where we do not currently have underlying fee). Municipal consent of MnDOT projects is described in Minnesota Statutes 161.162 through 161.167.

Approval or disapproval of the final layout is by resolution of the City Council. (A sample resolution is attached). However, if the City neither approves nor disapproves the final layout within 90 days of the public hearing, the layout is deemed approved (per MN Statute 161.164).

The deadlines (per MN Statute 161.164) for the City's responsibilities regarding municipal consent of the attached layout are as follows, based on a submittal date of the final layout to the City of 6/13/2024:

- Within 15 days of receiving the final layout, schedule a public hearing by June 28th, 2024.
- Within 60 days of receiving the final layout, conduct the public hearing by August 12th, 2024.
- Provide at least 30-days' notice of the public hearing.
- Within 90 days of the public hearing, approve or disapprove the layout by resolution by November 12th, 2024.

MnDOT will attend the public hearing to present the final layout and answer questions, as required by statute.

Project Purpose

To improve the ride quality and extend the useful life of the highway.

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Project Description

On highway 2 from the east junction of highway 169 to 0.25 miles east of the Gunn Rd.

Scope Summary

- Mill and Overlay Driving Lanes and turn lanes, Fogseal bituminous shoulders and Place aggregate on aggregate shoulders to bring up to grade as needed.
- Upgrade existing pedestrian facilities to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Add pedestrian push button stations to the signal at highway 2 and Airport Rd.
- From the east termini of the sidewalk to LaPrairie Ave. on the westbound direction of highway 2, convert the existing right turn lanes to a standard shoulder.
- Close 4 driveway access locations. (within the city limits of LaPrairie)
- Improved crossing of highway 2 at LaPrairie Avenue, includes curb bump outs, pedestrian curb ramps, cross walk markings, intersection lighting, and a crosswalk flashing beacon system.
- Construct a right turn lane at the wayside rest.
- Construct left turn lanes for the Gunn Rd and Jess Harry Road including aligning the local road connections to meet opposite of each other at the intersection, and new intersection lighting.
- Upgrade all guardrail within the project limits to meet current standards.
- Repair storm sewer and culvert locations that have been identified as needing repair.

Planned Project Schedule

The anticipated project letting date is December 6th, 2024, with construction expected to occur during the 2025 construction season.

All construction will be accomplished under traffic with standard lane closures and flagging operations.

City's Estimated Project Costs

There are no work items that require cost participation from the City of Grand Rapids.

City's Maintenance Responsibilities

The city's post-project maintenance responsibilities consist of routine sidewalk maintenance, routine signal maintenance, and routine maintenance of drainage systems. A funding, operation and maintenance layout was submitted previously to highlight the maintenance responsibilities.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this submittal.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Final Layout for SP 3104-61, dated 08/08/2022
Sample City Resolution

cc:

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