



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Subject: Trunk Highway 7 (TH7) Traffic Management Organization (TMO)
Grant Writing Expenditure Request

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Meeting Date: April 20, 2026

Issue: Two grant programs have been identified as potential funding sources for the unfunded safety improvements on TH7 related to the 2029 project, and grant writing expenses have been requested from the TH7 TMO to complete these grant applications.

Overview: Two grant programs have been identified as possible sources of funding for the additional recommended improvements:

- a. Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation (safety category) and
- b. the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

The cost for a consultant to apply for these grants totals \$12,000. According to a presentation to members of the Hwy 7 Coalition on March 26, the application period for these grants is now open. These grants tend to compliment one another and the additional improvements appear to be good candidates for these programs.

At its April 1st meeting the Participants discussed advancing the grant applications. It was noted that:

1. Not securing funding in 2026 would almost certainly eliminate the additional recommended improvements from the 2029 project due to the time needed to plan and design the improvements.
2. A consultant would be needed to complete the grant applications.

To complete these two grant applications for the benefit of the Hwy 7 corridor, the Participants recommended that the Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition take on an administrative role:

1. Hire SRF to complete the grant applications
2. Invoice participating entities to fund the Regional Solicitation (\$10,000) and HSIP (\$2000) application, for a total of \$12,000.

The following contribution amounts were determined by the Participants for each entity to support the grant applications. Note the difference between the grant amount and the total contributions assumes variation in participation and provides support for continued Hwy 7 activity through 2026.

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Community	Amount
Minnetonka	\$1,800
Chanhassen	\$1,200
Minnetrista	\$600
Victoria	\$600
Shorewood	\$600
St. Bonifacius	\$600
Excelsior	\$600
Deephaven	\$600
Greenwood	\$600
Hennepin	\$1,800
Carver	\$1,800
Hopkins Public Schools (ISD 270)	\$500
Eastern Carver County (ISD 112)	\$500
Minnetonka (ISD 276)	\$2,500
Waconia Public Schools (ISD 110)	\$500
Westonka Public Schools (ISD 277)	\$500
Grand Total	\$15,300

Recommended City Council Action: Staff is seeking approval if desired by City Council to authorize the TH7 TMO to invoice the City of Minnetrista for the amount of \$600 to assist with grant writing related to safety improvements on TH7 in 2029.

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