

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IV.I.

From: Cary Teague, Community Development Director

Action

Discussion

Information

Date: October 14, 2013

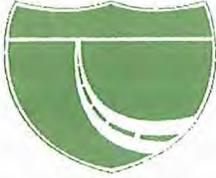
Subject: Resolution No. 2013-105 Approving the submittal of portions of the I-35W/I-494 Interchange Improvement Project for Consideration by the State of Minnesota 2013 Corridors of Commerce Program.

Action Requested:

Adopt the attached resolution 2013-105.

Information/Background:

The I-494 Corridor Commission strongly supports the I35W/I494 interchange improvement project, and requests the City of Edina to also support the project and funding. (See attached letter from the I-494 Corridor Commission.)



I-494 CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Reducing Traffic Congestion

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October 9, 2013

Charles A. Zelle
Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55155-1899

Dear Commissioner Zelle:

The I-494 Corridor Commission strongly supports the I-35W/I-494 interchange improvement project for consideration by the State of Minnesota 2013 Corridors of Commerce program.

The Corridor Commission believes the project meets the legislative goals for this program by providing additional highway capacity on segments where there are currently bottlenecks in the system and improving the movement of freight and reducing barriers to commerce.

- *Metro Capacity* – Over 500,000 vehicles travel through the interchange daily
 - The interchange is heavily congested for 4-5 hours per day
 - The accident rate is more than double the Metro average crash rate
- *Interregional Corridor Capacity*- Interstate 35 connects states from Minnesota to Texas
- *Statewide Freight Bottlenecks* – Connections to the Metro core, as well as throughout 494-694
 - Both I-35W and I-494 are major freight corridors
- *IRC System Preservation* – The I-35W/I-494 interchange will remain in the top busiest interchanges in the state

There have been very few improvements to the interchange since it was constructed over 50 years ago. The I-35W/I-494 interchange improvement project is not included in the State Transportation Improvement Program, though it is consistent with the Minnesota Go Vision, the guiding principles, and the objectives put forth in the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan.

The I-494 Corridor Commission supports the submittal and funding for the I-35W/I-494 interchange improvement project to the maximum extent possible as a project for the 2013 Corridors of Commerce program.

Respectfully,

Brad Aho
Chair, I-494 Corridor Commission



RESOLUTION NO. 2013-105
APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF PORTIONS OF THE I-35W/I-494 INTERCHANGE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA 2013
CORRIDORS OF COMMERSE PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Edina, Minnesota, as follows:

Section 1. BACKGROUND & FINDINGS.

- 1.01 WHEREAS, the I-494 Corridor Commission supports the funding, building, operating, and maintain of a robust multimodal transportation system that reduces congestion, improves safety, and enables the metropolitan area, and the State of Minnesota to better compete with the other areas of the United States and the world; and
- 1.02 WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature created the Corridors of Commerce program by authorizing the sale of up to \$300 million in new bonds for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of trunk highways via the 2013 Session Law, Chapter 117; and
- 1.03 WHERAS, the Corridors of Commerce program establishes two major goals: (1) to provide additional highway capacity on segments where there are currently bottlenecks in the transportation system, and (2) to improve the movement of freight and reduce barriers of commerce; and
- 1.04 WHEREAS, the I-35W/I-494 interchange improvement project is not currently included in the State Transportation Improvement Program; and
- 1.05 WHEREAS, the I-35W/I-494 interchange improvement project is consistent with the Minnesota Go Vision, the guiding principles, and the objectives put forth in the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan; and

Section 2. APPROVAL

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the City Council of the City of Edina supports the submittal and funding for the I-35W/I494 interchange improvement project to the maximum extent possible as a project for the 2013 Corridors of Commerce program.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST: _____
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)SS
CITY OF EDINA)

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of _____, 2013, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this ____ day of _____, 2013.

City Clerk