

**ANOKA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA
and Meeting of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners****

Commissioners Schulte (Chair), Braastad, Look and West

Monday, March 15, 2021

8:30 A.M.

Maple Room, Bunker Hills Activity Center

1. Public comments are welcome at this time with the following guidelines:
 - Comments are limited to the items on today's agenda.
 - Individuals must state their name, address, and comments.
 - Comments will be limited to two minutes per person with a total comment period not to exceed 15 minutes.
 - Comments to individual board members will not be allowed.
 - Questions directed to the committee will not be answered immediately; however, whenever possible, all appropriate questions will be responded to in a timely and effective manner by county staff.
 - For persons who wish to **submit** a public comment, they may do so by sending an email to rs-hwydept-support@co.anoka.mn.us or mailing a letter to the Anoka County Highway Department, 1440 Bunker Lake Blvd N.W., Andover, MN 55304.

ACTION ITEMS

Highway

2. Consider recommending award of Contract #C0008475 to Egan Companies, Inc., for Project SAP 002-607-027, the signal modification project at the intersection of CSAH 7 (7th Avenue) & 38th Lane, in the City of Anoka.
3. Consider recommending approval to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) (#C0008495) with the City of East Bethel, for the construction of Davenport Street NE, a new frontage road extension along the east side of TH 65, from 187th Lane NE to CSAH 22 (Viking Boulevard) in the City of East Bethel.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Highway

4. Discuss and review Anoka County's Cost Participation Policy for Construction Projects, in comparison with other local metro counties.
5. Review Transportation Division agreements executed since last meeting.
6. Review Corridor Updates and Project Progress.

** Actions taken by this Committee do not bind the County Board. In addition to the County Commissioners appointed to this committee, additional County Commissioners may attend. Non-committee Commissioners may choose to participate in the discussions and/or ask questions, but they will not vote on any item, nor will they agree to take a specific action on business conducted by the committee. If their attendance and limited participation in the committee meeting is considered a meeting of the County Board, this shall serve as notice of a County Board meeting. This shall also serve as notice of a County Board Meeting for any committee comprised of four or more members of the Board.



ANOKA COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEM

March 15, 2021

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

ACTION REQUESTED	<i>Consider recommending award of Contract #C0008475 to Egan Companies, Inc., for Project SAP 002-607-027, the signal modification project at the intersection of CSAH 7 (7th Avenue) & 38th Lane, in the City of Anoka.</i>										
BACKGROUND	<p><i>This existing signal system at the intersection of CSAH 7 and 38th Lane has been in operation for several years. Over the past few years, our Signal Department staff have responded to several maintenance and outage calls at this location. Our staff recommend the signal systems wiring, portions of the signal systems hardware, and loop detectors be replaced to ensure proper signal operation.</i></p> <p><i>The modifications and repair to the signal system will be completed prior to the 2021 Overlay Project on CSAH 7 (7th Avenue). The proposed project will help extend the useful life of the signal until the corridor is reconstructed in the next 5 -10 years.</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Bid Summary:</u></td> <td><u>Bid Price:</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Egan Companies, Inc</i></td> <td><i>\$99,874.50</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Granite Ledge Electrical Contractors, Inc.</i></td> <td><i>\$107,693.39</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Forest Lake Contracting, Inc.</i></td> <td><i>\$142,305.00</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td> <i>Engineer's Estimate</i></td> <td> <i>\$104,690.00</i></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Construction is expected to begin early April 2021 and be completed by the first week in July 2021.</i></p>	<u>Bid Summary:</u>	<u>Bid Price:</u>	<i>Egan Companies, Inc</i>	<i>\$99,874.50</i>	<i>Granite Ledge Electrical Contractors, Inc.</i>	<i>\$107,693.39</i>	<i>Forest Lake Contracting, Inc.</i>	<i>\$142,305.00</i>	 <i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	 <i>\$104,690.00</i>
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PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN	<i>01/11/2021 – authorization to advertise project for bids</i>										
COMMENTS	<i>The County also received a bid from Collins Electrical Construction Co. During the bid opening, staff determined Collins Electrical to be non-responsive, as the bid did not include an original paper bond which is required at the time of the bid.</i>										
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>Recommend Approval.</i>										



Anoka County

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

Highway

Joseph J MacPherson, PE
County Engineer

RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD

TO: Jerry J. Auge, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

FROM: Chris S. Osterhus, Construction Engineering Supervisor

DATE: March 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Project S.A.P. 002-607-027
Bid Summary

Based on their low bid, it is recommended that Anoka County award Contract #C0008475 to Egan Companies, Inc., Electrical Division, for Anoka County Project S.A.P. 002-607-027, the signal modification project for the signal system at the intersection of CSAH 7 (7th Avenue) & 38th Lane, in the City of Anoka.

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ACTION ITEM FOR COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA AND BOARD APPROVAL SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23RD, 2021

Recommend to award Contract #C0008475 to Egan Companies, Inc, for Anoka County Construction Project S.A.P. 002-607-027 in Anoka County. Award is based on Egan Companies, Inc. low bid of \$99,874.50.

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ANOKA COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEM

March 15, 2021

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

ACTION REQUESTED	<i>Consider recommending approval to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) (#C0008495) with the City of East Bethel, for the construction of Davenport Street NE, a new frontage road extension along the east side of TH 65, from 187th Lane NE to CSAH 22 (Viking Boulevard) in the City of East Bethel.</i>
BACKGROUND	<p><i>The City of East Bethel has developed plans to construct a new frontage road extension along the east side of TH 65 from 187th Lane NE to CSAH 22 (Viking Boulevard). This project will fill a critical gap in the frontage road system along the east side of TH 65.</i></p> <p><i>The City has obtained approximately \$3M of local partnership program (LPP) funding for the construction of said project. Per the requirements of the LPP funding, the project must be completed in 2021. The frontage road connection to Viking Boulevard will require the construction of designated eastbound Viking Boulevard right-turn lane, and an associated westbound Viking Boulevard left-turn lane.</i></p> <p><i>The construction of said turn lanes requires additional ROW acquisition along the north side of Viking Boulevard. Due to compressed project delivery timeline and construction schedule, staff from both agencies have developed a phased project delivery approach that will allow the City to move ahead with the construction of the frontage road improvements and meet the timelines associated with the project funding as well as provide adequate time to complete the necessary ROW acquisition and construction of the turn lane improvements along Viking Boulevard.</i></p> <p><i>The attached JPA details the required Viking Boulevard improvements and timelines for delivery.</i></p>
PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN	<i>11/02/2020 – authorization to negotiate JPA with City of East Bethel</i>
COMMENTS	
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>Recommend approval.</i>



ANOKA COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEM

March 15, 2021

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

ACTION REQUESTED	<i>Discuss and review Anoka County's Cost Participation Policy for Construction Projects, in comparison with other local metro counties.</i>
BACKGROUND	<i>The Anoka County Cost Participation Policy provides for the consistent and appropriate cost share between Anoka County and our local partners on highway construction projects. Total project costs, including Engineering, Construction, and Right of Way, were analyzed during the comparison. Anoka County staff utilized existing cost participation policies in Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington Counties for the comparison.</i>
PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN	<i>None.</i>
COMMENTS	<i>The findings are provided as information only with the Transportation Committee. The report will be provided at the meeting.</i>
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>None.</i>



ANOKA COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEM

March 15, 2021

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

ACTION REQUESTED	<i>Review Transportation Division agreements executed since last meeting.</i>				
BACKGROUND	CONTRACT #	WITH	PROJECT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	<i>C0008452</i>	<i>S.E.H.</i>	<i>002-716-021</i>	<i>Signal Design</i>	<i>\$28,000</i>
PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN					
COMMENTS					
RECOMMENDATIONS					



March 15, 2021

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

ACTION REQUESTED	Engineering Section Updates (Construction, Design, and Right-of-Way)
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2021 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

2021 County Wide Overlay Program - This project consists of analyzing the roadway conditions and preparing a pavement rehabilitation strategy to maintain the structural strength and integrity of our County Highway system. Engineering analysis includes the evaluation of soil conditions, structural strength of the road section, drainage patterns, traffic volumes and access locations. The following road segments have selected to be included in the 2021 program. The roadway segments mentioned below may be modified depending upon changes in roadway conditions during spring thaw.

- CSAH 7 (7th Avenue) from Buchanan Street to 600' North of 38th Lane
- CSAH 12 (109th Avenue NE) from Flanders Ct NE to CSAH 17 (Lexington Avenue)
- CSAH 18 (Crosstown Boulevard NE) from Soderville Dr NE to CSAH 17 (Lexington Avenue NE)
- CSAH 24 (Jarvis Street NW) from 350' S of 213th Avenue NW to 740' N of 213th Avenue NW
- CSAH 24 (237th Avenue NE/Fawn Lake Dr NE) from TH 65 to CSAH 76 (Fawn Lake Dr NE)
- CSAH 58 (181st Avenue NW) from CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard) to CSAH 78 (Hanson Boulevard)
- CSAH 35 (Old Central Avenue NE) from 81st Avenue to CSAH 10
- CR 60 (Constance Boulevard NE) from 500' W of Tippecanoe Street to 500' E of Tippecanoe Street
- CR 72 (Rum River Boulevard NW) from 500' N of 235th Avenue to 400' W of Yukon Street
- CR 74 (217th Avenue NE/215th Ln NE) from Durant Street to CSAH 22 (Viking Boulevard)
- CSAH 18 (Broadway Avenue NE) from 1100' W of Kettle River Boulevard to 1600' W of Kettle River Boulevard
- CSAH 22 (Viking Boulevard NW) from Yalta Street NE to Isetta Street NE
- CSAH 52 (Radisson Rd) from 105th Avenue to Naples Street NE
- CSAH 32 (85th Avenue NE) from TH 65 to US 10
- CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) from Buchanan St to TH 65

NO NEW UPDATE - County staff continue to prepare final plans and specifications for the above projects. The project's first bid advertisement was on February 26, 2021. Bids will be opened in March of 2021.

CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard)/ US Highway 10 Pedestrian and Signal Improvements - This project is being led by MnDOT in partnership with Anoka County and the City of Coon Rapids. Plans have been finalized the project is ready to be advertised. The project consists of modifications to the westbound US Hwy 10 on ramp, traffic signal replacements at the north and south ramp terminals, and the addition of pedestrian accommodations on the east side of CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard) over US Hwy 10.

NO NEW UPDATE – Bids were opened on January 29, 2021. MnDOT is currently awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. Construction will begin in June of 2021 and be completed in August 2021.

CSAH 14 (Main Street/125th Avenue) - Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) Conversion Project - The project includes FYA signal system modifications at nine (9) intersections along CSAH 14. The intersections include:

- 125th Avenue and Oak Park Boulevard/Polk Street
- 125th Avenue and Jefferson Street
- Main Street/125th Avenue and CSAH 51 (University Avenue)
- Main Street and Foley Boulevard
- Main Street and Avocet Street
- Main Street and CSAH 78 (Hanson Boulevard)
- Main Street and Shenandoah Boulevard
- Main Street and CSAH 18 (Coon Creek Boulevard)
- Main Street and Northdale Boulevard

NO NEW UPDATE - Project has been awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. County staff is preparing a contract for the work. Construction is anticipated to be completed by June of 2021.

CSAH 34 (Birch Street) from Hokah Drive to 550 feet east of West Shadow Lake Drive - CSAH 34 will be reconstructed as a 2-lane, urban section with shoulders, turn lanes, curb and gutter, median, drainage system improvements and ADA enhancements. The project includes the construction of two roundabouts, one located at Tomahawk Trail and one located at West Shadow Lake Drive.

NO NEW UPDATE - Project has been bid and the recommendation of the low bid was brought forward to the Transportation Committee in February 2021. Construction is anticipated to be completed by October of 2021.

CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) and TH 47 - Intersection Improvements - This project will reconfigure this intersection to accommodate additional width necessary for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Changes are intended to fix the geometric constraints that prevent the intersection from operating at maximum capacity. Pedestrian enhancements are also proposed as part of the construction work.

NO NEW UPDATE - Project has been bid and the recommendation of the low bid was brought forward to the Transportation Committee and County Board for approval in February 2021. Construction is anticipated to be completed by October of 2021.

CARRY-OVER 2020 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

CSAH 8 (Osborne Road) 4-lane to 3-lane Conversion from TH 47 to TH 65 - This project involves reconfiguring the corridor from a 4-lane section to a 3-lane section with pedestrian enhancements and ADA improvements.

NO NEW UPDATE - This project is substantially complete, with minor punch list items to be completed in the spring of 2021. Significant quantity changes include increased overruns due additional curb and gutter removal (\$27,815.04), bituminous pavement removal (\$14,395.47), bituminous patching (\$221,410), and concrete curb and gutter installation (\$142,366.80).

CSAH 52 (Radisson Road) and Xylite Street - New Traffic Control Signal System

NO NEW UPDATE - This project is substantially complete, with minor punch list items to be completed in the spring of 2021. There have been no significant contract quantity changes.

CSAH 1 (Coon Rapids Boulevard) Pavement Preservation and Traffic Signal System Replacement - This project, led by the City of Coon Rapids, includes bituminous surfacing improvements, traffic signal system replacements at Egret Boulevard and Zilla Street (aka Avocet Street).

NO NEW UPDATE – This project is fully open to traffic. Landscaping is scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2021. Please see the City of Coon Rapids website for more information:

<https://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/CivicSend/ViewMessage/message/110813>

Hornsby Street Reconstruction and TH 97 Improvements - This project includes the realignment of Hornsby Street north of Highway 97, a new traffic control signal system at Hornsby Street and TH 97, and lane modifications on TH 97.

NO NEW UPDATE - This project is 95% complete. Work to be completed in spring of 2021 includes milling off 2" of temporary bituminous at the intersection of TH 97 and Hornsby Street and installing the final lift of bituminous.

DESIGN ENGINEERING

Design Work Proposed for 2021 Construction

CSAH 11 (Foley Boulevard) BNSF RR Overpass - This project includes the construction of an overpass across the BNSF railroad between CSAH 1 (East River Road) and CR 3 (Coon Rapids Boulevard). The reconstruction will include the installation of raised medians and turn lanes along Foley Boulevard between East River Road and Coon Rapids Boulevard. The County's consultant, TKDA, is preparing plans and specifications for the Foley Boulevard Improvements and overpass.

UPDATE - Plans are complete and ready for advertisement. The Met Council (Park n' Ride) agreement is complete. On-going agreement negotiations continue with BNSF Railroad. Once the BNSF agreement is finalized, the project will be ready for advertisement. We currently anticipate a March 2021 advertisement with a bid date in April of 2021.

CSAH 12 (109th Avenue) ADA Improvements (2020 - 2023) - This project was created as part of the defederalization of the "CSAH 116 at TH 47" Reconstruction project. In lieu of the costs associated with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) that were eliminated with the defederalization process, Anoka County has committed \$450,000 to a state program intended to aid DBE businesses over the next 3 years. 2021 will be the second year of ADA projects associated with this program.

NO NEW UPDATE – Production of plans for the 2021 commitment is in progress. We anticipate two rounds of advertisements, with the first happening early in the construction season (May 2021) and a second round to occur later in the construction season (August 2021).

CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) from CSAH 83 (Armstrong Boulevard) to CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Boulevard) - CSAH 116 will be receiving spot improvements during the 2021 construction season to prepare for increased traffic volumes as a result of work along US 10 associated with the Anoka Solutions Project. This project includes adding turn lanes at strategic locations along the corridor to allow for continuous 2-way traffic flow. The intersection of CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) and Sunwood Boulevard will be analyzed for a roundabout and a traffic signal system.

UPDATE - County staff continue to work with the City of Ramsey to finalize the scope of this project. An online open house is being planned to inform the public of the project and is scheduled to go live on **March 11, 2021** and will be open for public viewing/comment for two weeks. Construction is anticipated late in the construction season of 2021.

Design Work Proposed for 2022 Construction

CSAH 1 (Coon Rapids Boulevard) and Blackfoot Street Signal Replacement - This project consists of removing and replacing the existing signal system due to the age of the traffic signal system. The County will be preparing plans and specifications for this project.

NO NEW UPDATE - Engineering staff are working with our consultant, SEH, to prepare a contract for the design of the signal and geometric improvements for this intersection. Anoka County staff will manage/coordinate this work.

CSAH 14 (125th Avenue) Reconstruction from Harpers Street to CSAH 17 (Lexington Avenue) - This project proposes to expand the existing 2-lane roadway to a 4-lane divided roadway. Other accommodations include drainage system improvements, ADA enhancements, a multi-use trail, traffic signal system improvements, and other associated improvements.

NO NEW UPDATE - Highway staff have produced a 60% construction plan that will be reviewed by agency partners over the next month. This project is scheduled for the 2022 construction season.

CSAH 18 (Coon Creek Boulevard) Bridge Repair/Rehabilitation 002-618-034 and CSAH 22 (Viking Boulevard) Bridge Repair/Rehabilitation 002-622-036 - These projects include the replacement of Bridge 02549 on CSAH 18 over Coon Creek in the City of Coon Rapids, and the rehabilitation and widening of Bridge 02519 on CSAH 22 over the Rum River in the City of Oak Grove. Construction of both projects is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2022.

NO NEW UPDATE - Our consultant, HDR, has begun project management team meetings for these projects. At this time it seems feasible that the CSAH 18 bridge (triple box culvert) will occur this year (2021) so that the segment can be used as a detour route for US 10 traffic seeking alternate routes around the work scheduled in 2022 relating to the Anoka Solutions project. The Viking Boulevard bridge deck replacement is scheduled to occur in 2023.

US 10 from CSAH 78 (Hanson Boulevard) to CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard) [ADD A LANE] - This project proposes to add a third lane in each direction on US 10 between Hanson Boulevard and Round Lake Boulevard. The project is intended to improve the capacity of US Hwy 10 and reduce the number of vehicles exiting US 10 onto the local roadway systems to avoid daily congestion on US 10.

NO NEW UPDATE - Design work is currently on hold until a determination is made on the amount of funding from the 2020 fifth special session bonding bill will be provided to this project to complete the project development process. A meeting with representatives from MnDOT, State Aid, and local agency project managers (County Engineers) was held on Monday, January 11th to discuss funding of the projects. Final funding amounts are still being determined.

Design Work Proposed for 2023 - 2025 Construction

CSAH 1 (Coon Rapids Boulevard) at Mississippi Boulevard Signal Replacement - This project consists of removing and replacing the existing signal system due to the age of the infrastructure. The County will be preparing plans and specifications for this project.

NO NEW UPDATE - Engineering staff are working with our consultant, SEH, to prepare a contract for the design of the signal and geometric improvements for this intersection. Anoka County staff will manage/ coordinate this work.

CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard) and 221st Street Intersection Improvements - This project scope consists of analyzing the intersection improvements to improve safety at the intersection. This project will review and analyze a single lane roundabout at this intersection to improve safety.

NO NEW UPDATE - County Staff will begin analysis and design later this year.

CSAH 35 (Central Avenue) and Gardena Avenue - Roundabout Construction - To address safety concerns at the intersection of Central Avenue and Gardena Avenue, Anoka County applied for and successfully acquired Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) federal funding in the amount of approximately \$1.35M to help offset construction costs associated with this project. Construction is currently estimated to begin in 2023.

UPDATE - Engineering and ROW staff held a project kickoff meeting with project stakeholders. A request for proposals (RFP) has been prepared in anticipation of consulting out the project management, environmental services, and design for this project. Solicitation for proposals is anticipated to occur in the next two weeks with a recommendation to enter into a contract happening in about a month (April 2021).

Ramsey Gateway Project - The purpose of this project is to upgrade the existing at-grade intersections along US Hwy 10/169 at Ramsey Boulevard (CSAH 56) and Sunfish Lake Boulevard (CSAH 57) to grade-separated interchanges and associated BNSF railroad grade-separated crossings. The project also includes US Hwy 10/169 corridor improvements, pedestrian improvements, and frontage road and backage road extension to facilitate safe, reliable, and efficient access to local businesses and residences.

NO NEW UPDATE – An online virtual presentation occurred February 18, 2021 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 PM. The preferred layout was rolled out to the public with a detailed explanation as to the evolution of the project from the 2009 study through the 2019 revision all the way to the current 2020 layout. At the conclusion of the presentation an hour-long question and answer session occurred with an open discussion between the public and project stakeholders. There is an open solicitation for comments online until March 5 at which time comments will be compiled and discussed by stakeholders.

HWY 65 & Intersections of 99th Avenue, 105th Avenue and CSAH 12 (109th Avenue) - MnDOT is in the final stages of preparing a draft report of the MnDOT lead PEL Study. The purpose of this project is to apply the PEL study findings and further develop a preliminary layout for the intersections with Hwy 65. The purpose of the project is to upgrade the existing at grade intersections along US Hwy 65 at 99th and CSAH 12 (109th Avenue) to grade separated or alternative crossings. The project also includes Hwy 65 corridor improvements, pedestrian improvements, and frontage road and backage road extension to facilitate safe, reliable, and efficient access to local businesses and residences.

NO NEW UPDATE- Anoka County and the City of Blaine staff are working together to prepare an RFP to issue for professional services related to the preliminary design, public engagement process, environmental documentation and right of way determination for a preferred layout for all three intersections. The City of Blaine will be the lead agency for this contract, Anoka County will partner with the professional services contract. The RFP will be issued in February and award in late March or beginning of April of 2021.

CSAH 83 (Armstrong Boulevard) and Alpine Drive - Roundabout Construction - To address safety concerns at this intersection, Anoka County applied for and successfully acquired Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) federal funding in the amount of approximately \$1.35M to help offset construction costs associated with this project. Construction is currently estimated to begin in 2023.

NO NEW UPDATE - Engineering and ROW staff are beginning early coordination efforts for this project which involves sending early notification letters to adjacent property owners to begin informing the public about the upcoming project and gather pertinent property information.

CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) Reconstruction from Van Buren Street to TH 65 - This project proposes to reconstruct Bunker Lake Boulevard from east of Jefferson Street to TH 65 in the City of Ham Lake. The project consists expanding the roadway to four lanes with a center median, pedestrian accommodations, and drainage improvements.

NO NEW UPDATE - County staff continue to evaluate options for a backage road for Lincoln Street which might open opportunities for local partnership program (LPP) projects between Anoka County, the City of Ham Lake, and MnDOT.

PLANNING STUDIES

TH 65/TH 47 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study - This project, led by MnDOT, is to look at priorities, traffic, and community input for Highways 65 and 47 between the Anoka/ Hennepin County line at 37th Avenue and US 10 in Blaine. The study will examine a range of cost-effective roadway alternatives to address capacity, access, mobility and safety issues within the corridor. While the study will produce a “road map” of where improvements are needed most, based on community input and data analysis, it will not design specific construction projects, but will lay the groundwork that is necessary to help MnDOT and local partners prioritize and obtain funds to further develop/refine the study’s recommended alternatives and develop plans for improvements along the corridor. Links to the project’s webpage have been added to the ACHD webpage located at <https://www.anokacounty.us/379/Transportation-Plans-Studies>.

NO NEW UPDATE - The study team is preparing a draft study report and study brochure. In the spring, MnDOT is expected to proceed with Phase II of the project, which will identify a preferred improvement concept as well as more detailed design and environmental documentation.

CR 132 (85th Avenue) at Evergreen Boulevard Intersection Study - This intersection is currently being studied and analyzed to determine what, if any, improvements are necessary. The focus of this study is to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. Engineering staff have prepared a traffic model to evaluate the segment of 85th Avenue from East River Road to Springbrook Drive. At the intersection of 85th Avenue and Evergreen (also the Springbrook Nature Center entrance), a more detailed traffic control analysis was completed, which showed that it does meet traffic signal warrants and the operations analysis revealed it would operate satisfactorily. An analysis of the intersection for a roundabout application also revealed that it would also operate at acceptable levels of service as either a 2 x 1 roundabout (2 travel lanes on 85th Avenue approaches and 1 travel lane on Evergreen/Springbrook Nature Center approaches) or a standard single-lane roundabout.

NO NEW UPDATE – Staff is developing preliminary layouts, right-of-way impacts, and cost-estimates for the analyzed alternatives, which will be shared with the cities of Fridley and Coon Rapids to identify a preferred course of action.

CSAH 49 (Hodgson Road) at County Road J/85th Avenue/Ash Street - ACHD Staff is working with the consulting firm SEH to determine the feasibility of a roundabout at this intersection. The initial analysis revealed that a single-lane roundabout would experience operational issues, specifically for the northbound approach into the intersection. A roundabout with a larger diameter and with a separate right-turn lane was also analyzed, which resulted in a minor improvement but still not acceptable operation. In order to achieve acceptable levels of service, it may be necessary to have two lanes on the northbound approach of a roundabout. Another option being considered is modifications to existing signal at the intersection along with associated geometric and access improvements in the area. The next step is to have a meeting involving staff from ACHD, Ramsey County, and the cities of Lino Lakes Shoreview to discuss these, and other improvement options for this intersection.

NO NEW UPDATE - Engineering staff is continuing to meet with Ramsey County and the Cities of Lino Lakes and Ramsey County to discuss the analysis of the intersection.