

MPC 5.c - Attachment 1.a: Springfield's Thurston Road Overlay Project Description of Request

Background

This agenda item addresses previously allocated STP-U funds from Springfield's Arterial and Collector Slurry Seal project in the amount of \$400,000, approved by the MPC in September, 2009.

The City of Springfield has determined that pavement repair and an overlay on Thurston Road is one of its top preservation priorities. The pavement structure on Thurston Road east of 69th Street is nearing failure. If preservation activities are not undertaken within the next two years, Springfield expects significant structural failures will occur resulting in complete reconstruction.

This proposal would reprogram the unused STP-U funds from the Arterial and Collector Slurry Seal to allow for these preservation funds to be used on Thurston Road, which is an existing collector street in Springfield. The preservation monies would fund pavement overlay on a stretch of Thurston Road extending from 69th Street to Thurston Elementary School.

This is a non-administrative action as it moves STP-U funds approved by MPC from one project to another.

Public Input

The MPC-approved Public Participation Plan recommends a 30-day public comment period prior to the approval of STP-U funding, as well as an MPC public hearing, open house, newspaper display ad, notice to interested parties, and a web notice. The public hearing for the proposal is scheduled to occur at the May 12th meeting. The public comment period for the proposal is scheduled to begin on May 6th and end on June 5, 2011.

Due to the limited nature of the proposed amendment, the City of Springfield has requested that the MPC consider taking action on the proposed amendment at the May 12th meeting. If the MPC does choose to take action, it would occur before the end of the public comment period.

After reviewing this request, staff is recommending that the MPC take action at the May 12th meeting. The project proposed to be funded with STP-U funds is consistent with the original intent of the Arterial and Collector Slurry Seal project that was previously approved by the MPC. The STP-U funding would continue to support a preservation project on a collector street within the City of Springfield and the amount of STP-U funding is not proposed to be changed. Further, the proposal would continue to preserve existing transportation assets, which has been identified by the MPC as a regional funding priority.

It is not anticipated that an open house or newspaper display ad will be needed for this amendment request.

Recommendation

TPC reviewed the request for STP-U funding at their April 28, 2011 meeting. TPC unanimously recommended the request, pending the results of the public comment and MPC review.