

MPC 5.c - Attachment 2.a: Hyacinth Street Sidewalk Installation Description of Request

Background

The Hyacinth Street Sidewalk Installation project adds a 5.5-foot wide sidewalk on the west side of Hyacinth St between Calla Street and Irvington Drive. The project is programmed primarily to address pedestrian safety involving schoolchildren who walk to Irving Elementary school. Additionally, a future project envisions providing a convenient connection for bicyclists traveling between Irving Road and Irvington Drive by creating bike lanes within the existing pavement.

In April, 2010, the MPC approved Resolution 2010-03 establishing funding for Preservation, Project Development and Modernization (PPM) category projects. The Hyacinth project was funded with STP-U dollars, in the amount of \$388,530 (see Attachment 1).

Current cost information indicates that the available funds will not be adequate to build the 0.66 mile (about 3,190 feet) of sidewalk. This is due to inclusion of unforeseen design elements that were not scoped originally. The revised cost of the project is estimated to exceed the available funding by an estimated \$191,174 (see Attachment 2). This request for additional STP-U funding would necessarily mean an increase in the Lane County non-federal portion of the project funding, in order to provide the required minimum match for the federal STP-U funds. Thus, after that match amount is accounted for, the County is requesting an additional \$171,542 in STP-U funding.

The design team looked into various design options to remain within the budget. Options considered were to utilize existing sidewalk on the east side, or constructing sidewalk within the existing paved roadway, or making the project length shorter by a block (about 850 feet) at the north end. None of these options could bring the cost down to the approved funding level. Furthermore, they are not preferred from effectiveness, efficiency, or project objective points of view. The County prefers completing the sidewalk project as originally planned, i.e., providing a continuous 5.5- foot wide sidewalk on the west side of the street to connect with the south side sidewalk on Irvington Drive (see Attachment 3).

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. 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.

Attachments

1. FY 11-13 STP-U application related documents
2. Updated cost estimate
3. Project description sheet