

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**  
From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**  
Date: **January 25, 2021**

## **Thompson Avenue Turnback**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Dakota County has proposed a jurisdictional transfer of Thompson Avenue (County Road 6) back to the cities of West St. Paul and South St. Paul based on the following:

1. The State of Minnesota has proposed a turnback of Concord Boulevard to Dakota County and, thus, the County has a need to identify similar mileage that can be removed from their roadway mileage allocation.
2. Thompson Avenue is deemed by the County as not meeting the definition of a County roadway from an ADT (Average Daily Traffic) position nor from a locational perspective, given its close proximity to Wentworth Avenue, which will continue under County jurisdiction.

County and City staff have been working through calculation and negotiating on the details of how a turnback of County Road 6 between Robert Street and (TH 3) and TH 52 would work. The following outlines the capital projects, funding and requirements that need to be met prior to a turnback:

1. The County will be receiving federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds to construct a roundabout, tentatively scheduled in 2023, at the intersection of CR 6 (Thompson Avenue) and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 73 (Oakdale Avenue). The County agrees to administer the roundabout project and fund 100% of the design, right of way acquisition and construction costs, after the application of federal funds
2. The County will complete a pavement preservation project to mill and overlay CR 6 between TH 3 and TH 52 and stripe as a 3-lane section or as directed by the City, tentatively scheduled in 2023.
3. The City will administer the construction of a trail along one side of CR 6 and a sidewalk on the other side, between TH 3 and TH 52 tentatively scheduled in 2023. The County agrees to reimburse the City actual costs for the design, right of way services and acquisition and construction costs required for the construction of a trail and sidewalk along the CR 6 segment, estimated to cost \$940,000.00. The City agrees to allow the County to review and approve expenditures for consultant services, right of way acquisitions and construction contracts. Dakota County is currently working on a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for this project. Immediately following the execution of the JPA, City staff will move forward with design.

After the completion of the City's trail and sidewalk project, the County's roundabout and pavement preservation project, the County would revoke CR 6 and the City would accept the jurisdictional transfer and ownership. All future maintenance, operations and construction would then be the City's responsibility.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

At the time of revocation and transfer of jurisdiction, the County will pay the City \$1,855,178.58. This one-time payment is for future maintenance and reconstruction of Thompson Avenue.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer of a Portion of County Road 6 in West St. Paul, Dakota County Contract No. C0033619.

Attachment: County Road 6 Transfer Agreement