

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JULY 24, 2007 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Surface Transportation Program Grant Application to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works and Susan Brassfield Grants Coordinator

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to submit the Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant application to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) for federal funding support of the Cumnor Road, Rogers Street and 59th Street resurfacing projects for consideration as part of DMMC's 2007 application cycle.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2006-2011 identified *Top Quality Infrastructure and Facilities*.

A supporting objective of this goal is *Improved Neighborhood Infrastructure Curbs, Gutters, Streets, and Sidewalks*.

FISCAL IMPACT

Preliminary estimates for these three projects are \$2.2 million yielding a grant amount of \$1.54 million and a local match of \$660,000 that will need to be funded in a future Capital Fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the August 7, 2007 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21 or TEA-LU) retained the major federal-aid surface transportation programs that were established under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Equity Act in 1991. Of the major federal-aid transportation programs in TEA-21, it is the STP which provides the most direct support for local governments. Municipalities and counties are on the frontline not only for project sponsorship but also in the project selection and programming processes. Several other entities in northeastern Illinois participate in the programming and implementation of local STP projects. These agencies are the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Council of Mayors, DMMC and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

DMMC is the body designated to select and program local STP projects in DuPage County. The Conference's Transportation Technical Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis to program, manage and monitor the progress of STP projects in DuPage.

Each year, the Transportation Technical Committee develops and approves an Annual Element of STP projects for funding in the upcoming fiscal year and a multi-year program for the next four consecutive years into the future. DMMC gives final approval to the Annual Element and Multi-Year Program, prior to its submission to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

Annual funding amounts for DuPage are presently in the \$12.2 million to \$13.2 million range. In order to be eligible for STP funding, the route involved must be included on the Federal-Aid Urban System.

DMMC worked in cooperation with IDOT in 1977 to designate this system of federal-aid routes in DuPage. As a rule of thumb, collector and arterial roads such as Main, Fairview, Maple and 59th are on the system, while lower volume roads such as Stonewall and Norfolk are not. Additionally, to be eligible for STP funding each road segment must have logical termini at other Federal-Aid Urban System, county, state or federal routes. Each of the street segments proposed meet this requirement, and all projects constructed using federal funds must be built in compliance with federal law.

These projects are also consistent with the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan's goal of preserving the region's transportation system and maximizing its capability to efficiently carry goods and people. Moreover, these projects are consistent with the regional objectives in the reduction of traffic congestion and improving the overall air quality of the community and region.

The sections of Cumnor Road between 39th and Maple, Rogers Street between Main and Fairview and 59th Street between Fairview and Dunham all carry an increasing amount of traffic. Thousands of vehicles traverse these roadways every day with many using the roads as alternate routes to major arterials such as Ogden Avenue and Main Street. These roads continue to deteriorate and fail from carrying increased levels of traffic and current traffic weights from vehicles such as fire, semi dump and waste hauling trucks. Fortunately, the more motorists who accrue benefits from the proposed project, the better chance the project has to obtain funding; projects on very busy roads generally fare better.

On May 24, 2007, staff attended a mandatory pre-application meeting held by DMMC. The purpose of this early review is to assist municipalities in verifying the scopes of work, time and cost estimates for their potential projects and to incorporate the most recent IDOT design policies and procedures.

With this information and with a review of the Village's Community Investment Program, as well as the roadway maintenance plan, staff is prepared to submit three project applications as follows:

- 1) Cumnor Road Resurfacing – 39th Street to Maple Avenue
- 2) Rogers Street Resurfacing – Main Street to Fairview Avenue
- 3) 59th Street Resurfacing – Dunham Road to Fairview Avenue

Work is anticipated to include full width bituminous surface removal, a small amount of full depth patching, curb and gutter removal and replacement followed by the placement of level binder, binder, surface courses of asphalt and new roadway striping. Minor parkway and sidewalk ramp work may also take place. No widening or other alteration of the roadway geometry is planned.

Resurfacing is currently programmed in the Village's roadway maintenance plan for 2009 and 2010 utilizing Motor Fuel Tax and Capital funds. Securing STP funding would likely permit an accelerated maintenance schedule and free up the aforementioned funds for other projects. Staff estimates that \$2.2 million in estimated construction costs for these combined three and one quarter (3-1/4) miles of roadways. Staff also proposes a two-year construction schedule occurring in FY2009 and 2010. Of the total cost, the Village would be required to provide a match of an estimated \$660,000.

The Village has been successful in obtaining over \$8 million in federal STP funding guarantees over the past several years.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE FOR
FY 2007 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove, an Illinois municipal corporation, has developed grant application FY 2007 Surface Transportation Program (STP) for financial assistance in funding the Cumnor Road, Rogers Street and 59th Street resurfacing projects; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has reviewed said grant application, and has authorized the filing of said application with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the Village of Downers Grove submit the FY 2007 Surface Transportation Program (STP) application of the Village of Downers Grove for the Cumnor Road, Rogers Street and 59th Street resurfacing projects to the Mayors and Managers Conference.
2. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk