
Sponsor: Public Works

Meeting Date: 6/14/2022

Title: Designation/Revocation of County State Aid Highway
Mileage-Lexington Avenue South (CSAH 51)

File Number: 2022-320

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County Public Works has an ongoing road project on Lexington Avenue, between Shepard Road and West 7th Street, in the city of Saint Paul. Phase 1 of the project was completed in 2021, and Phase 2 of the project is scheduled for 2022. The project, when completed, will disconnect Lexington Avenue South from the West 7th Street & Montreal Avenue intersection, and re-route Lexington Avenue South to the southeast in the right-of-way, currently designated as Elway Street, to Shepard Road. Phase 1, completed in 2021, has already removed the Lexington Avenue South connection to the West 7th Street & Montreal Avenue intersection. Phase 2, to be completed in 2022, will build the connection to Shepard Road.

The remnant of Lexington Avenue South located to the south of Albion Street can no longer be classified as a CSAH or a county road. That mileage needs to be revoked from our system and turned back to the city of Saint Paul. The new route of Lexington Avenue South needs to be designated a CSAH mileage to be added to the CSAH network.

To complete this adjustment to the county's CSAH designations, a resolution from the Ramsey County Board is required. That resolution would state the following:

It is resolved by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that Lexington Avenue South (CSAH 51), from Albion Street to its intersection with West 7th Street (State Trunk Highway 5) and Montreal Avenue (depicted as Segment 1 on Attachment A), is revoked as a County State Aid Highway; and is also resolved by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that Lexington Avenue South (CSAH 51), from Albion Street to Shepherd Road, following the right-of-way of the former Elway Street (depicted as Segments 2 and 3 on Attachment B), is established, located, and designated as a County State Aid Highway of Ramsey County, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

The County Manager is authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for consideration, and that upon approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved, and maintained as a County State Aid Highway of the county of Ramsey, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway 51.

Community engagement efforts have been ongoing with the project since 2019, and the construction of Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in early July 2022. Several public meetings have been held and project aspects have been discussed with affected community members. Design aspects of the project have been agreed to by community members and the city of Saint Paul.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Revoke previously designated County State Aid Highway mileage for Lexington Avenue South from Albion Street to West 7th Street (State Trunk Highway 5).
2. Designate new CSAH mileage for Lexington Avenue South from Albion Street to Shepherd Road in two segments (Albion Street to West 7th Street, and West 7th Street to Shepard Road).

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: - 1: McGuire

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board