# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Item Description: County Road C-2 Traffic Study Update

#### BACKGROUND

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2 At the March 21, 2011 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the Josephine Woods

3 Preliminary Plat. During the course of the Public Hearing for this item, a number of property

4 owners from County Road C-2 and Josephine Road spoke regarding County Road C-2. The

5 main point of discussion was the connection of County Road C-2, and its impacts to Josephine

6 Road and County Road C-2. After the Public Hearing, the Council directed staff to determine

the cost and workplan to complete a traffic study that would determine the potential impacts of

8 connecting County Road C-2.

- Staff has requested that SRF Consulting provide us the following scope of services to complete this traffic study:
- 1. Conduct an origin-destination (O-D) study for the Josephine Woods area (i.e. local impacts).

  This task includes a license plate match study during the p.m. peak hour only, post
  processing, and analysis of the data. This information will determine current users of the
  existing roadway network during the peak hour conditions. The license plate match study is
  conducted using field personnel to record license plates audibly in a ring around the subject
  area. The area includes:
  - Hamline Avenue (north of Josephine Road)
  - Hamline Avenue (south of County Road C2)
  - Lexington Avenue (north of Josephine Road)
  - Lexington Avenue (south of County Road C2)
  - County Road C2 (west of Hamline Avenue)
  - County Road C2 (east of Lexington Avenue)
- Lydia Avenue (west of Hamline Avenue)
  - Lydia Avenue (west of Snelling Avenue)
  - Lincoln Drive (south of County Road C2)
  - Woodhill Drive (west of Lexington Avenue)
- 2. Collect daily traffic volumes at up to four locations and conduct a p.m. peak hour turning movement count at the intersection of Hamline Avenue and Lydia Avenue to validate the accuracy of the O-D information collected in Task 1.
- 30. Review the Regional Travel Demand Model to determine potential regional travel pattern shifts due to connecting County Road C2 and other area roadway improvements west of Snelling Avenue.

- 4. Determine the appropriate travel patterns shifts with County Road C2 connected between Griggs Street and its current termination point. Develop traffic volumes based on current levels of traffic and future year 2030 projections at the following key intersections:
  - County Road C2 and Lexington Avenue
  - County Road C2 and Hamline Avenue
  - Josephine Road and Lexington Avenue
  - Josephine Road and Hamline Avenue
  - Lydia Avenue and Hamline Avenue
- 5. Analyze a.m. and p.m. peak hour intersection operations at the four key intersections with the potential County Road C2 connection under current traffic volume conditions and future year 2030 conditions.
- 6. Review the roadway design feasibility and impacts associated with constructing the
  County Road C2 connection. This review will include roadway grades, sight lines, potential capacity needs and functional classification assessment.
- The study would take about 4 weeks to complete.
- Once the study is complete, the findings would be presented at a public information meeting.
- Notices for the meeting would be sent out to property owners in the study area.
- Finally, the study findings would be presented to the City Council at a regular meeting. These
- meetings could take place this summer.

#### 52 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

- County Road C-2 has never connected between Griggs and Lexington Avenue. However, it is
- on the City's Municipal State Aid System and is functionally classified as a Local Collector.
- 55 The same is true of Josephine Road. The purpose of this study is to determine what the local and
- regional impacts of connecting County Road C-2 between Hamline Avenue and Lexington
- 57 Avenue.

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## 58 FINANCIAL IMPACTS

- The cost to have SRF complete the Origin Destination Study and subsequent public meetings is
- \$14,000. This includes completion of all of the tasks described above. The study could be
- funded by the street construction fund or general reserves.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Discuss County Road C-2 traffic study and provide staff direction.

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Attachments A: Location Map

