City Council Item

October 13, 2025

Item	Resolution 2025-XX: Highway 5 Improvement Project authorizations	
File No.	ENG 25-03	**Item No:** D.14
Agenda Section	**CONSENT AGENDA**	
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SUGGESTED ACTION

"The Chanhassen City Council approves a resolution authorizing entering into a cooperative agreement with MnDOT, approves a resolution waiving a public hearing as part of the municipal consent process, and approves a Joint Powers Agreement with Carver County, all associated with the Highway 5 Improvement Project."

Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	Operational Excellence

SUMMARY

The Highway 5 project is currently out for bids, with a planned award to a contractor in December. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2026.

BACKGROUND

N/A

DISCUSSION

As is typical on projects in MnDOT Right of Way, a cooperative agreement is required to be entered into with the local agency which outlines maintenance responsibilities of the improvements. In this case, only the trails being constructed within Chanhassen are part of the city's maintenance

responsibilities, which is typically the case. The attached cooperative agreement is a first draft, but MnDOT will require the agreement be fully executed before award of the construction contract. Therefore, the ask is for the City Council to approve that the city will execute the agreement once it is finalized. The final form of the agreement will be detailed out between MnDOT and city staff.

Municipal consent is a standard MnDOT process done for MnDOT projects within municipal boundaries that are acquiring right-of-way. For this project, the only right-of-way in Chanhassen being obtained is from the University of Minnesota Arboretum, and said acquisition has already occurred. Therefore, the County is asking the city that the public hearing portion of municipal consent be waived.

The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is also a standard process when one agency is leading the implementation of a project and is doing work for the other agency. In this case, Carver County is the lead agency for the Highway 5 project and therefore the JPA is between them and the city. The JPA outlines roles, responsibilities, and cost share. Chanhassen's cost share for the Highway 5 project is limited only to a 50/50 split for the pedestrian underpass on Highway 41, just north of West 78th Street. The rest of the entire Highway 5 project is covered by other non-city funding sources. The pedestrian underpass project will be an entirely separate contract from the Highway 5 project, but will be constructed concurrently. It is currently in the final design phase. A separate JPA will be developed with Carver County in the near future for the underpass project.

BUDGET

Costs associated with the Highway 5 project are included in the city's 5-year Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the three items.

ATTACHMENTS

RESOLUTION 2025-XX Hwy 5 MnDOT Cooperative Agreement
RESOLUTION 2025-XX Hwy 5 Municipal Consent Waiver
Hwy 5 JPA with Carver County
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