

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

MINNESOTA DIVISION

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT & SECTION 4(f)

DETERMINATION

Minnesota State Project Number 2734-33

Trunk Highway 100 Reconstruction Project

In the City of Saint Louis Park

Hennepin County, Minnesota

The proposed project consists primarily of replacing bridges #5598, #5462, #5308, and #5309 as well as modifying Trunk Highway (TH) 100 geometrics to meet current Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) design standards. These geometric modifications include, but are not limited to: lane widths, entrance/exit ramp lengths, and horizontal clearance. Furthermore, the will include construction of noise barriers and miscellaneous work for non-motorized transportation.

The Federal Highway Administration has determined the proposed improvements, as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) will have no significant impacts to the human or natural environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based upon the EA which has been independent evaluated by FHWA and determined to adequately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures.

The EA released to the public on January 21, 2013 included FHWA's intent to make a Section 4(f) de minimis impact determination regarding the paved trail along TH 100 from the Toledo Street cul de sac to Salem Avenue. The City of Saint Louis Park, the agency with jurisdiction over the paved trail, concurred with FHWA's assessment of project impacts to the trail. Therefore, it is FHWA's determination that that the proposed project and mitigation measures will constitute a Section 4(f) de minimis impact to the paved trail because the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the paved trail for protection under Section 4(f) are not adversely affected.

The EA provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the EA for the subject project.

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