

## A. Applicant Information

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4. Agency Type: [State Aid City](#)
5. Agency Name: [City of Chanhassen](#)
6. Street Address: [7700 Market Boulevard, P.O. Box 147](#)
7. City: [Chanhassen](#)
8. State: [MN](#)
9. Zip Code: [55317](#)
10. Sponsoring County and County Engineer name (**required if applicant is small city or township**) [N/A](#)

## B. Project Location

1. MnDOT District: [Metro](#)
2. County: [Carver](#)
3. City: [Chanhassen](#)
4. Township:
5. Name of Road: [Market Boulevard](#)
6. Type of Road: [Municipal State Aid Street](#)
7. Road Authority Type (*which agency owns and has jurisdiction of the road*): [County](#)
8. Project Termini: From [Trunk Highway \(TH\) 5](#)
9. To: [West 78<sup>th</sup> Street](#)

## C. Project Description

1. Type of Project. [Reconstruction](#)
2. Select the LRIP Account requested for funding. [Routes of Regional Significance](#)
3. Provide a summary of the proposed project and the transportation deficiencies that will be eliminated, including a description of operational and general safety benefits of the project. Projects seeking funding from the Rural Road Safety Account will need to provide a more detailed description of safety issues and benefits under Section D3.

The project includes the reconstruction of 1,500 feet of Market Boulevard between TH 5 and West 78<sup>th</sup> Street to address operational and safety concerns and support retail and residential redevelopment in the area. Market Boulevard is the primary entry into downtown Chanhassen from TH 5 and it provides access to a wide variety of retail, hospitality, and office uses as well as the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, a US Post Office, a Carver County library, Chanhassen City Hall, and SouthWest Transit's Chanhassen Station. The proposed operational and safety improvements include the reconstruction of the roadway to a four-lane section to provide additional capacity and the addition of dedicated left turn lanes at each intersection. Improvements will also be made to the existing Twin Cities & Western Railroad crossing.

The City of Chanhassen completed an update of our Downtown Vision Plan in 2018, and the plan identified the need to make additional investments in downtown infrastructure to enhance access and safety and promote higher levels of pedestrian activity (see attached Connectivity and Proposed Enhancements exhibit from the Vision Update). Market Boulevard plays a critical role in the downtown infrastructure as a primary connection to TH 5. There are currently challenges in leasing space in downtown, the area is not functioning as planned, and there are concerns that the future success of the downtown area will be limited without these additional public investments.

## D. LRIP Account Considerations and Eligibility

### D2. Routes of Regional Significance Account Considerations and Eligibility

1. For Routes of Regional Significance projects, which of the following criteria does your project meet (select all that apply)?

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| Farm to Market route                                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part of a 10-ton route network                                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part of an economic development plan                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connect to regional tourist destination                                 |
| Provides capacity or congestion relief to a parallel trunk highway system or county road | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Is a connection to the regional system, trunk highway, or a county road |

2. Describe the number of persons and potential multiple local agencies that will be positively impacted by the project and how they will benefit.

Market Boulevard is a primary entrance into Chanhassen's downtown business district from TH 5, providing access to over 750,000 square feet of retail development, 70,000 square feet of office space, 253 residential units, the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre (a regional attraction), SouthWest Transit's 420 stall Chanhassen Station park and ride, a US Post Office, a Carver County library, and City Hall. The proposed improvements would benefit nearly all visitors to downtown Chanhassen by providing improved mobility, safety and access into downtown. This segment of Market Boulevard is heavily traveled with an AADT ranging from 15,000 on the south end to 10,700 on the north end and the proposed improvements would benefit all of these users.

In addition, the City hosts a wide variety of community events throughout the year that annually bring 35,000 to 40,000 people into the downtown area including:

- Easter Egg Candy Hunt
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Street Dance, Parade, Carnival
- Summer Concert Series
- Farmers Market
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Chanhassen High School Homecoming Parade

A walkable and vibrant downtown is of great importance in the City's efforts to continue to provide opportunities for its residents to connect with family and friends.

3. Describe the project contribution to the local, regional or state economy, and economic development or redevelopment efforts.

Redevelopment of the area adjacent to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre has recently occurred including 134 residential units and 20,000 square feet of retail space. There is potential for additional redevelopment in the area including the conversion of an existing movie theater to apartments and adding new square footage where remnant temporary parking and access drives could be removed. The proposed improvements to Market Boulevard are necessary to safely and efficiently provide access to the redevelopment area as well as accommodate destination and through traffic.

## **E. Project Readiness and Ability to Maintain**

1. Estimated Construction Year: 2023
2. Are there railroad impacts (RR xing or RR tracks within 600' of the project)? Yes. Will obtain RR permit(s)/agreement(s) as needed.
3. What is the status of the engineering and design work on the project? A traffic study and concept design work has been completed to determine the proposed layout. Preliminary and final design work is scheduled to begin in 2021.
4. Has this project been selected for federal funding, and if so what year in the STIP? No
5. Is right of way acquisition required? If so, describe the status of these efforts. No
6. Describe the local agency's ability to adequately provide for the safe operation and maintenance of the facility upon completion. The City of Chanhassen is currently responsible for the operation and maintenance of Market Boulevard and will continue to be upon the completion of the proposed improvements.

## **F. Multimodal/Complete Streets**

Identify infrastructure improvements for non-motorized and/or transit users on this project.

The Downtown Vision Plan Update identified the need to make downtown more walkable and to elevate the pedestrian realm along Market Boulevard. The proposed improvements include a sidewalk, a multi-use trail, an enhanced pedestrian crossing, and pedestrian scale lighting along Market Boulevard to improve the pedestrian network. The proposed improvements will also provide improved pedestrian, bicycle, bus, and park and ride customer access to SouthWest Transit's Chanhassen Station along Market Street east of Market Boulevard.

## **G.**

### **Source of Funding**

1. LRIP Request: \$1,250,000
2. Federal Funds: \$0
3. State Aid Funds: \$1,000,000
4. Local/Other Funds: \$1,750,000
5. MnDOT Trunk Highway Funds: \$0
6. Total Project Cost: \$4,000,000

## **H. Attachments**

- X At least one project location map with routes and project termini labeled
- X Engineer's Estimate with an itemized breakdown
- X Project schedule
- X Local agency resolution
- X Other letters of concurrence or support