

## POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

APRIL 16, 2013

*Source*

Technical Advisory Committee

*Recommended Action*

Approve the use of up to \$2.6 million in MACI funds for the South Central Arterials Project.

*Attachment:*

Options 1 & 2

### ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SOUTH CENTRAL ARTERIALS PROJECT

#### Overview

The South Central Arterials project is being funded by the South Arterial earmark. It has always been anticipated that the project would require additional funding, above the fixed amount available from the earmark. Currently, about \$3.6 million is available for right of way acquisition, utility relocation and construction.

Three design options for 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South have been considered by the engineer:

Option 1: curb/gutter and a path between 13<sup>th</sup> St and 20<sup>th</sup> St, separated path and rural section (with ditch drainage) between 20<sup>th</sup> Street to 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Est. Cost: \$5.4 million. Shortfall: \$1.7 million.

Option 1a: curb/gutter and path entire length. Est. Cost: \$6.2 million. Shortfall: \$2.6 million.

Option 2: rural section entire length, no path. Est. Cost: \$4.5 million. Shortfall: \$900,000.

To fully fund the South Central Arterials Project, PCC may commit MACI (Montana Air and Congestion Initiative) funds to the project. The Project will improve flow around south-central Great Falls, attract traffic from congested 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, and provide for bike/pedestrian movements along the corridor. These actions will improve air quality in the region, making it a good candidate for use of MACI funds.

The project is currently projected to be constructed in 2015. In reviewing the balance for the MACI Program, there are adequate funds available to supplement the South Central Arterial Project. It is currently estimated that a balance of more than \$4 million will be available in 2015.

The improvements are expected to attract development, especially on the eastern end, and urban growth will occur. To anticipate future needs and demands, TAC has identified Option 1a as the preferred option, constructing the project to urban standards with curb, gutter and bike/ped facilities the length of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

TAC has recommended PCC commit approximately \$2.6 million in MACI funds to the South Central Arterials Project.

MDT has committed to providing the match for this project, so there will be no financial impact to the City or County.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION

**“I move PCC commit up to \$2.6 million in MACI funds for the South Central Arterials Project.”**