

## Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 11, 2013

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**Subject:** 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for the I-394 entrance ramp/bridge from Ridgedale Drive to westbound I-394 in Minnetonka

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### **Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions**

Heidi Schallberg, MTS Senior Planner, presented this item. Council Member Munt asked for information about the process the state uses to select projects funded by this program. Schallberg said that information was not included in the TIP amendment but she would check with MnDOT for the information.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Elkins and passed.

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Meeting date: September 9, 2013

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**District(s), Member(s):** 3 - Munt

**Policy/Legal Reference:** TAB Action

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Arlene McCarthy, Director (651-602-1754)  
Mark Filipi, Manager, MTS Technical Services (651-602-1725)  
Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)

**Division/Department:** Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services

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### Background

This project was selected as a 2012 Transportation Economic Development (TED) grant recipient. The state-funded TED Program is a joint effort of MnDOT and the Department of Employment and Economic Development that seeks to close financing gaps for transportation infrastructure improvement construction costs. Although the project is fully funded by state and local sources, it must be amended into the TIP because it is regionally significant and requires a formal federal action (for an Interchange Access Request). MnDOT is requesting an accelerated schedule at the Council to accommodate an October letting for the project.

### Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and meets fiscal constraint because the state and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is a regionally-significant project as part of its conformity analysis for the 2014-2017 TIP. That analysis resulted in a Conformity Determination that the projects included in the 2014-2017 TIP meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests. The 2014-2017 TIP conforms to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality.

### Funding

The project being added with this amendment is fully funded with these new funds.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

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July 9, 2013

Karl Keel, Chair  
TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street No.  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2014. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DIST	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
2014	M	M	I-394	S.P. # 2789-141	MnDOT	**TED12** FROM RIDGEDALE DRIVE TO WESTBOUND I394 IN MINNETONKA - NEW ENTRANCE RAMP/BRIDGE 27W09	0.50

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
AM	GSR - GRADE, SURFACE AND BRIDGE	TED LOCAL	\$6,700,000	0	0	0	0	\$6,700,000

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

- 1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous STIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

SP 2789-141 was selected as a 2012 Transportation Economic Development (TED) grant recipient. The state funded TED Program is a joint effort of MnDOT and the Department of Employment and Economic Development that seeks to close financing gaps for transportation infrastructure improvement construction costs.

Although SP 2789-141 is fully funded by state and local sources, because it is regionally significant and requires a formal federal action (Interchange Access Request) it must be amended into the TIP.

- 2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money (2012 TED Grant) X
- Anticipated Advance Construction \_\_\_\_\_
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects \_\_\_\_\_
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

TED grant awards are distributed through a competitive solicitation process. In 2012, TED distributed \$27 million in funds matched by \$83 million from private and other public sources.

SP 2789-141 has a total estimated cost of \$6,700,000 with \$1,603,965 in TED 2012 funds and \$5,096,035 in local funds. These new state funds combined with local funds are sufficient to fully fund this project; therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination .....YES
- Exempt from regional level analysis.....\_\_\_\_\_
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area).....\_\_\_\_\_

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee identified the project as an A15 regionally-significant project as part of its conformity analysis for the 2014-2017 TIP, which is attached. The analysis in the attachment has resulted in a Conformity Determination that the projects included in the 2014-2017 TIP meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests. The 2014-2017 TIP conforms to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality.

Karl Keel  
Date  
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We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please call me at (651) 234-7788

Sincerely,

Brian Isaacson  
Director, Program Management  
MnDOT Metro District

cc: Cindy Krumsieg, MnDOT Metro Program Management  
Ryan Gaug, MnDOT Metro Program Management  
Molly McCartney, Metro Program Management  
Dan Erickson, MnDOT Metro State Aid  
Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council