

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 5, 2014

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS, presented this item and stated that the TAB will be informed at its November meeting of the technical correction to the 2015-2018 TIP.

Motion by Brimeyer, seconded by Reynoso and passed. Hearing no objection, Chair Duinck stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a consent item.

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Meeting date: October 27, 2014

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District(s), Member(s): 5 – Elkins

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754)

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Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)

Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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Background

Three Rivers Park District was awarded federal funding in the 2011 regional solicitation for this project. The amendment adjusts the trail's alignment and modifies the project termini. The eastern terminus will now be Doron Lane. It will run to Parklawn Avenue and from Edina Promenade along Xerxes Avenue South to 75th Street West.

Note that TAB approved this amendment as part of the 2014-17 TIP. Because this TIP is about to be retired in favor of the 2015-18 TIP, the Council action concurs with the TAB action to reflect a project scope change, but amends the 2015-2018 TIP rather than the 2014-2017 TIP. As of October 23, 2014, the FY 2015-2018 TIP is still in federal review. Should this amendment be accepted by the Council prior to federal approval of the 2015-2018 TIP, it will not be official until after that federal approval is granted.

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the TIP and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the state, local and federal funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Funding

The project is fully funded with the federal, and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Amendment to the Twin Cities 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

October 20, 2014

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DI ST	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
	2015 And 2016	M	M	Bike/Ped	091-090-078 And 091-090-078 AC	Three Rivers Park District	<p>**AC**CMAQ: Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail between Doron Ln and Xerxes Ave / 75th St. in Edina (AC project payback in FY16)</p> <p>**AC**CMAQ: Pedestrian/Bicycle trail between Doron Ln and Xerxes Ave / 75th St. Doron Ln and Xerxes Ave / 75th St. in Edina (AC Payback 1 of 1)</p>	4.43

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
EN	Ped/Bike Improvement	CMAQ	\$11,424,000	\$2,400,000	\$3,760,000			\$5,264,000

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).

The TIP is being amended to adjust alignment and termini to a project (SP 091-090-028; SP 091-090-028AC) in SFY 2015 and 2016 of the 2015-2018 TIP. The Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: East Segment will shift its alignment in several places and change its termini. Current termini are Tracy Avenue to France Avenue/Edina Promenade. Updated termini would be Doron Lane to Parklawn Avenue; France Avenue S. to Edina Promenade; and Xerxes Avenue from Edina Promenade to 75th Street West.

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

- New Money _____
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint _____
- Other X*

*This TIP amendment is required as part of a scope change request that does not include a change in funding amount or source

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 _____
- Exempt from regional level analysis X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area) _____

*Exempt from regional level analysis: AQ-2 (Bicycle and pedestrian facilities)