

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 9, 2014

Subject: Concurrence with TAB action to approve the 2014-2017 TIP Amendment to modify the Crystal Lake Regional Trail project

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the project scope and budget for SP# 091-090-075, the Crystal Lake Regional Trail in Robbinsdale.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was approved as part of the Consent agenda items. Motion by Elkins, seconded by Schreiber and passed.

Transportation Committee

March 24, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 9, 2014

Subject: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for Crystal Lake Regional Trail

District(s), Member(s): 7 - Cunningham

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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

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Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the project scope and budget for SP# 091-090-075, the Crystal Lake Regional Trail in Robbinsdale.

Background

Three Rivers Park District was awarded federal funding in the 2009 regional solicitation for this project. The amendment modifies the project description, eliminating "BRS, shelters" from the scope and including "boardwalk, trailhead." The amendment also reduces the amount of federal funding from \$2,163,200 to \$1,840,000 and increases the local amount from \$540,800 to \$760,000 for a total of \$2,600,000.

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 federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project was exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Funding

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

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

February 10, 2014

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

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include changes in project scope and project cost for SP 091-090-075 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	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
1496	2014	M	M	PED/BIKE	091-090-075	Three Rivers Park District	Construct Crystal Lake Regional Trail from Minneapolis Grand Rounds Trail Network to the Twin Cities Regional Trail Network in Robbinsdale, Boardwalk, Trailhead, Kiosks	2.4

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PRO P FUN DS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FT A \$	TH \$	OTHER \$	AQ
BT	PEDESTRIAN BIKE TRAIL	STP	\$2,600,000	\$1,840,000				\$760,000 (Three Rivers Park District)	

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Three Rivers Park District was awarded federal funding in the 2009 Regional Solicitation for development of the Crystal Lake Regional Trail - Robbinsdale Segment. Subsequent to being awarded the federal funds additional planning efforts (a master plan for the development of Crystal Lake Regional Trail from Minneapolis to Elm Creek Park Reserve in Maple Grove) resulted in changes to the trail's alignment to reduce private property impacts and to improve road crossing treatments. Additionally, a local trail connection was added to the project to connect the Robbinsdale Segment to previously constructed segments of Crystal Lake Regional Trail. This amendment is needed to document the changes in scope and adjust the project's cost. The revised project scope is consistent with the benefits of the originally proposed project.

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 Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____
 - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint _____
 - Other X*

*The federal funds of \$1,840,000 required for the revised project scope are less than what was originally programmed and when combined with \$760,000 in local funds provided by the Three Rivers Park District are sufficient to fully fund the 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_____
- Exempt from regional level analysis..... x
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)....._____

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project was exempt from air quality conformity analysis [reason AQ-2 for bicycle and pedestrian facilities].

Sincerely,

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT
Alex Meyer
Landscape Architect/Project Manager

cc: Cindy Krumsieg, MN/DOT Metro Program Management
Dan Erickson, MN/DOT Metro State Aid
Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council