

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 10, 2016

Subject: 2016-2019 TIP Amendment: Hennepin County CSAH 53 Increase in Federal Funds

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move \$1,792,000 in federal STP funds from Hennepin County's Godfrey Bridge Replacement project (SP# 027-046-007) to its CSAH 53 Reconstruction (SP# 027-653-021) project in exchange for local funds.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

Members asked for the location of the Godfrey Bridge. Barbeau replied that it is located in Minneapolis on 46th Street just west of the Mississippi River. Members asked whether the federal funds were being removed from the bridge replacement due to complexities of meeting federal bridge requirements. Barbeau replied that the decision was based on the larger size of the CSAH 53 project.

Motion by Commers, seconded by Rodriguez and passed

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Meeting date: February 8, 2016

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District(s), Member(s): 5 – Elkins; 8 – Letofsky

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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

Mark Filipi, MTS Technical Services Manager (651-602-1725)

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

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move \$1,792,000 in federal STP funds from Hennepin County's Godfrey Bridge Replacement project (SP# 027-646- 007) to its CSAH 53 Reconstruction (SP# 027-653-021) project in exchange for local funds.

Background

Hennepin County has requested reallocating federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding awarded to its Godfrey Bridge replacement to its CSAH 53 reconstruction project in exchange for local funds. This transfer of \$1,792,000 results in the Godfrey Bridge project having no federal funds and therefore removes it from inclusion in the TIP. This request is made with the intent to save the County money and staff time by eliminating federal funding and, therefore, federal process requirements, from the Godfrey Bridge project. The County agrees to complete both projects on time and as originally applied for in the 2011 Regional Solicitation and acknowledges that the project remains subject to TAB's Scope Change and Program Year policies.

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the TIP and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the actions of the TAB. These projects are consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meet fiscal constraint because the federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund them. Given that the request only involves funding changes, the Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that no conformity determination is needed. The 2016-2019 TIP conforms to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality. Because the fairly new approach of defederalizing projects delayed the TIP amendment process, MnDOT Metro District State Aid requests that the TIP amendment be "same week" Council action so it can meet a late-February federal authorization deadline.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition. This process of consolidating federal funding from two projects into one is known as defederalization. This exchange of funds is known as defederalization.

Defederalization entails transferring federal funds from one project to another project already subject to federal requirements, allowing the former project to proceed without adherence to some federal requirements.

Please amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust the funding sources for the below two projects:

PROJECT 1 IDENTIFICATION:

| SEQ # | STATE FISCAL YEAR | A T P | D I S T | ROUTE SYSTEM | PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available) | AGENCY | DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable) | MILES |
|-------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1470 | 2016 | M | M | CSAH 46 | 027-646-007 | Hennepin County | CSAH 46 (46th St East) over Godfrey Pkwy in Mpls- Replace BR 90585 (New Bridge 27B84) | - |

| PROG | TYPE OF WORK | PROP FUNDS | TOTAL \$ | FHWA \$ | AC \$ | FTA \$ | TH \$ | OTHER \$ |
|------|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|--------|-------|-------------|
| BR | Bridge Replace | STP | \$5,140,000 | \$1,792,000 | - | - | - | \$3,348,000 |

PROJECT 2 IDENTIFICATION:

| SEQ # | STATE FISCAL YEAR | A T P | D I S T | ROUTE SYSTEM | PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available) | AGENCY | DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable) | MILES |
|-------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1471 | 2016 | M | M | CSAH 53 | 027-653-021 | Hennepin County | CSAH 53, from Xerxes Ave S to Richfield Parkway in Richfield-Roundabout, turn lanes, bike/ped facility | - |

| PROG | TYPE OF WORK | PROP FUNDS | TOTAL \$ | FHWA \$ | AC \$ | FTA \$ | TH \$ | OTHER \$ |
|------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------|--------|-------|--------------|
| RD | Grade and Surface | STP | \$40,000,000 | \$7,840,000 | - | - | - | \$32,160,000 |
| | | | | \$9,632,000 | | | | \$30,368,000 |

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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

An amendment is needed to adjust the federal funding for these two projects. Project 1 will be funded entirely with local funds. Project 2 will use the FHWA funds from Project 1 and use less local funding. The scopes of these projects are not changing.

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

Cumulative federal and local funds are not changing for these two projects. The \$1,792,000 in federal funding from Project 1 will be eliminated and the local funding will be increased by \$1,792,000. The federal funding for Project 2 will be increased by \$1,792,000 and the local funding will be reduced by \$1,792,000. These federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects; therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained. Because it will be devoid of federal funds, Project 1 will no longer be included in the TIP.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

Project 2 (SP 027-653-021) is subject to conformity determination - A20.

Because this is an exchange of funds involving no change to the projects, no conformity determination is needed.