

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 26, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 28, 2021

Subject: 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: I-35W Frontage Road Turnback

District(s), Member(s): 5 – Cummings

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to increase the cost and scope of MnDOT's I-35W turnback in Bloomington.

Background

The 2021-2024 TIP includes a MnDOT turnback agreement for I-35W from 90th Street to Riverter Drive in Bloomington. MnDOT requests this amended to the 2021-2024 TIP to increase the cost and scope of this fiscal year 2022 project.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *stewardship* by enabling a one-time transition of public right-of-way.

Funding

The project is fully funded with state funds.

Known Support / Opposition

This proposed action was reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Advisory Board. No known opposition.

Please amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for program year 2022. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

State Fiscal Year	ATP/Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
2022	M	I 35W	2782-363	MnDOT	I-35W from 90th St to Riverter Dr. in Bloomington – Turnback Agreement I-35W from 84 th St to Bliss Ln from west of I35W Bloomington and 90 th St to 106 th St east of I35W (Frontage Road Turnback)	0.0 3.2

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	TH \$
AM	Misc Agreement	SF	500,000	500,000
			2,200,000	2,200,000

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

- 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).

This amendment is needed to increase the cost and scope of this 100% state funded project into state fiscal year 2022 of the 2021-2024 TIP. The TIP is being amended because it is uncertain which TIP will be in effect when the project is obligated (it is being included in the final (2022-2025 TIP, as well) .

- 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

The total project cost is \$2,200,000, entirely state funding. 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 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

*Exempt Project O-1: Specific activities that do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and technical studies, grants for training and research programs, planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C., and Federal-aid systems revisions