

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: April 25, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: April 27, 2022

Business Item: 2022-101 SW

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Fredson. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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District(s), Member(s): 2 – Chamblis

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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

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Background

This requested action involves adding funds to a cable-median barrier project that has increased in cost since the application was completed. The cost increase will be covered by local funds and federal funds under MnDOT's discretion. This is a streamlined TIP amendment request and was unanimously recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee.

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 project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *livability* by enabling the completion of a safety enhancement.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change this project in program year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description
1652	2023	M	US 169	2750-97	MnDOT	US 169 from 85th St in Brooklyn Park to West River Rd in Champlin-Install cable median barrier

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
5.55	SH	Median Barrier	HSIP	\$967,000	\$870,300	\$96,700
5.4				\$1,540,000	\$1,386,000	\$154,000

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).

This amendment to increase the total project cost and make a correction to the project length.

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

The federal increase of \$515,700 will be balanced in the 23-26 STIP adoption

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 Category S9—Guardrails, median barriers, crash cushions per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.