

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: May 23, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: May 25, 2022

Business Item: 2022-119 SW

2022-2025 TIP Amendment: Gateway State Trail Realignment

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project to realign the Gateway State Trail.

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Chamblis. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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District(s), Member(s): 13 – Lee; 14 – Fredson

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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

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That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project to realign the Gateway State Trail.

Background

MnDOT is contributing federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funding to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Gateway State Trail Realignment at I-35E between Arlington Avenue and Maryland Avenue in St. Paul. The addition of federal funds necessitates placement in the TIP.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and local 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.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *stewardship* by utilizing federal funds for a state project.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add this project to 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
TBD	2023	M	I35E	6280-426	MnDOT	I35E, parallel to I35E, Realign Gateway State Trail between Arlington Ave E and Maryland Ave E in St Paul (DNR)

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
.75	AM	Coop. Const. Agreement	STP	\$850,000	\$250,000	\$600,000

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 is for the addition of a new federally funded project into 2023.

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 amendment request is for addition of a new federally funded project into fiscal year 2023 of the 2022-2025 TIP. Because this is a 2023 project, it will be included in the draft 2023-2026 TIP. Metro District will align its program to meet MnDOT’s 2023-2026 STIP funding guidance. 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 Category AQ-2—Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.