

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: July 22, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: August 14, 2024

Business Item: 2024-132

Regionally Significant 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – US 10 Expansion Project

Proposed Action

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Transportation Services Planner Robbie King presented this item.

Cameron asked if the noise issues raised in the public comments were discussed at TAC or TAB. King stated that this wasn't discussed at either committee and Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Charles Carlson added that the scope of the project does include noise walls.

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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District(s), Member(s): 9 – Morales

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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

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Background

MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add its regionally significant US 10 Expansion Project. This project will expand US 10 from two to three lanes, add ultra-thin bonded course to existing mainline pavement, and construct noisewalls from CSAH 78 (Hanson Blvd) to CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard) in Coon Rapids. This project is funded through \$2.5 million from Federal Highway Administration, \$30 million in a state legislative appropriation for the project during the 2023 state legislative session, and \$8 million in Corridors of Commerce funding. The US 10 project and the other Corridors of Commerce projects were selected for funding by MnDOT in 2023 and amended into the Transportation Policy Plan in the same year. The US 10 project is the final project in the group to be amended into the TIP.

The public comment period ran from May 16 to June 6 and nine comments were received. Of these comments, seven expressed opposition and two expressed support. The opposition comments expressed general policy concerns with lane expansion's potential impact on increasing vehicle miles traveled and a desire to divert the funds to transit and bike/pedestrian projects. The support comments from the City of Coon Rapids and Anoka County outlined that the project represented much needed investment in a heavily used corridor to drive economic growth and improve travel time reliability. Anoka County noted that this project has received strong support from local residents and users of the US 10 corridor, as well as support from neighboring cities such as the City of Anoka, City of Andover, and the North Metro Mayors Association.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The project was amended into the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) in 2023, which provided an additional opportunity for the public to comment on the project, and meets fiscal constraint because the federal, state, and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *prosperity* by investing in transportation infrastructure that promotes economic competitiveness.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal, state, and local funds.

Small Business Inclusion

This project is funded in part with federal funds. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will deliver the project and follow the federal requirements, including DBE requirements.

