

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2013-46

DATE: November 14, 2013
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
SUBJECT: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for I-35W North Managed Lane
REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests a TIP amendment to add SP#6284-172, the I-35W North Managed Lane Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design project, in the year 2014 with a total of \$904,540 using \$814,086 in federal Interstate Maintenance Discretionary funds and state funding of \$90,454.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add SP#6284-172, the I-35W North Managed Lane Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design project, in the year 2014 with a total of \$904,540 using \$814,086 in federal Interstate Maintenance Discretionary funds and state funding of \$90,454.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: In the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-161), the I-35W North Managed Lane Project received an earmark through the FHWA's Interstate Maintenance Discretionary (IMD) Program. This funding will provide for the environmental review and preliminary design for Phase I of the I-35W North Managed Lane Project.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved TIP and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity; and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Public input opportunities for this amendment are provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	October 17, 2013
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	November 6, 2013
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

September 27, 2013

Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2014 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add this project in program year 2014. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P		ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
2014	M	M	I-35W	6284-172	MnDOT	I-35W North Managed Lane Environmental Assessment & Preliminary Design	10 mi

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	IM	\$904,540	\$814,086			\$90,454	

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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

The amendment is needed to add project SP 6284-172 to SFY 2014 of the 2014-2017 TIP. In the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-161), the I-35W North Managed Lane Project received an earmark through the FHWA's Interstate Maintenance Discretionary (IMD) Program. This funding will provide for the environmental review and preliminary design for Phase I of the I-35W North Managed Lane Project.

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

SP 6284-172 has a total estimated cost of \$904,540 with \$814,086 in IMD funds and \$90,454 in State SRC funds. The federal IMD funds combined with state funds are sufficient to fully fund this project; 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 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed change and determined the project is exempt from regional analysis as a planning and technical study (code O1) project.

Sincerely,

Brian Issacson
Planning Director, Program Management

cc: Cindy Krumsieg, MnDOT Metro Program Management
Dan Erickson, MnDOT Metro State Aid
Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council