

ACTION TRANSMITTAL
No. 2013-12

DATE: February 6, 2013

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co. Rd. H intersection improvements (SP# 062-610-004) and Bridge replacement and ramp reconstruction at the Ramsey Co. Rd. H T.C. Arsenal entrance (SP# 6284-162)

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests a TIP amendment to move the CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co. Rd. H intersection improvements project (SP# 062-610-004) to 2015.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move the CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co. Rd. H intersection improvements project (SP# 062-610-004) to 2015 to tie the project to the MnDOT Bridge replacement and ramp reconstruction project at Ramsey Co. Rd. H and the T.C. Arsenal entrance (#6284-162).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Ramsey County received \$630,000 of federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for the program year 2013, and the county prepared to deliver the project in that program year. MnDOT was also developing a bridge replacement and ramp reconstruction project at the T.C. Arsenal entrance at County Road H in the county for 2015 (#6284-162) using state funds. Due to the proximity of the project locations, moving the county's HSIP-funded project to 2015 to coordinate with the MnDOT project will consolidate construction and provide potential for cost sharing. MnDOT will let both projects. No change is proposed for the MnDOT 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 \$3.5 million of additional HSIP funding became available through MAP-21. 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 project is exempt from regional air quality analysis, and public input opportunities are provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its February 6, 2013, meeting, the TAC unanimously approved a motion to recommend this TIP amendment to the TAB for adoption.

ROUTING

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

January 4, 2013

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

Re: Amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
State Project Number: 062-610-004

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to address
changes in the following projects in SFY2013 AND SFY2015 of the TIP.

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	D I S T	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
1514	2015	M	M	CSAH 10	062-610- 004	Ramsey County	Ramsey CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co RD H, Mounds View intersection improvement including replace traffic sign and turn lanes. SP062-610-004 will be tied to SP6284-162.	0
1874	2015	M	M	I35W	6284-162	MnDOT	At Ramsey County Rd H (T.C. Arsenal Entrance) in Arden Hills – replace Bridge #9582 and ramp reconstruction. SP6284-162 will be tied to SP062-610- 004	1.01

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PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
SH	Spot Improvement	HSIP	\$1,200,000	\$630,000	0	0	0	\$570,000 (county)
BR	Bridge replacement	SF	\$6,860,000				\$6,860,000	

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 STIP).

SP062-061-004 was selected in 2009 to be included in program year 2013. Ramsey County was ready to deliver the project. As the MnDOT bridge and ramp project, SP6284-162, was developed, the opportunity arose to coordinate the two projects. The program year for the County project, 062-061-004, will be moved from 2013 to 2015 in order to coordinate with the bridge and ramp project, SP6284-162, which is already programmed for 2015. Due to the need of the bridge and ramp project and the proximity of the project locations, coordinating the projects will result in benefits such as consolidation of construction disturbance and potential cost sharing.

SP062-061-004 will include intersection improvements, including replacing traffic sign and turn lanes at Ramsey CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co RD H in Mounds View. SP6284-162 will include the replacement of Bridge #9582 and ramp reconstruction at Ramsey County Road H (Twin Cities Arsenal Entrance) in Arden Hills.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money *(indicate type here) _____
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment of other projects X
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside the ATP target _____
- Other (indicate source here) _____

* Defined as additional funds not previously programmed in the TIP.

SP062-061-004 has a total cost of \$1,200,000, including \$630,000 in FHWA HSIP funds and \$570,000 in Ramsey County funds. SP6284-162 has a total cost of \$6,800,000 from State Funds. The combined project costs will be \$8,000,000; \$6,800,000 from State Funds, \$630,000 in FHWA HSIP funds, and \$570,000 in Ramsey County funds.

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MAP 21 has increased funding levels for many programs, including HSIP. The region had 8.4 million to program in FY 2015. MAP 21 provides an additional 3.5 million to the metro region in HSIP funding, resulting in a total available HSIP level of 11.9 million. At this point, the region has only programmed \$8.1 million of the \$11.9 million available; therefore \$3.8 million of HSIP funds are available for this project.

The TIP previously included amounts for project SP6284-162 in SFY 2015, so that funding has fiscal constraint. This amendment would move the program year for project SP062-061-004 from 2013 to 2015 in order to be completed with the already programmed project (SP6284-162).

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council’s 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
- Exempt from project level analysis* X
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation* _____
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)..... _____

*Exempt Project Category #E1. Intersection Channelization Projects
Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

*Exempt Project Category #S19. Widening Narrow Pavement or Reconstructing
Bridges
Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-234-7788.

Sincerely,

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