

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2013-25

DATE: June 6, 2013
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
SUBJECT: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for Minnesota River Crossing project at the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge
REQUESTED ACTION: The City of Bloomington requests a TIP amendment to add the Minnesota River Crossing project at the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge in 2014 using \$2,000,000 of federal Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in the Parks program funds, \$3,000,000 of state bonding, and \$9,000,000 in local funds.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Minnesota River Crossing project at the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge in 2014 using \$2,000,000 of federal Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in the Parks program funds, \$3,000,000 of state bonding, and \$9,000,000 in local funds.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: In 2012, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded \$2,000,000 of federal Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in the Parks program funds for the Minnesota River crossing at the Old Cedar Ave. Bridge project. These funds were transferred to the City of Bloomington through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Minnesota National Wildlife Refuge.

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.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: With an email vote conducted between May 14-24, 2013, the TAC Funding and Programming Committee unanimously approved the

motion to recommend TAB adoption of this amendment, with the addition of the project number and a correction in the year from 2013 to 2014 from MnDOT and the city.

At its June 5, 2013, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend the adoption of this amendment, with a budget revision to add \$9 million in state funding from the Fiscal Disparities Program to be treated as local tax-increment financing (TIF) that was added by the legislature after this amendment was initiated. The original project budget was \$5 million with \$3 million of state bonding in addition to the federal funds; the new project budget is \$14 million with \$3 million of state funding and \$9 million of local funds.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 24, 2013 – email vote
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	June 5, 2013
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



June 11, 2013

Karl Keel, Chair
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
 390 Robert Street North
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following project in State Fiscal Year 2014:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)
2014	Ped/Bike	107-090-008	Bloomington	Minnesota River Crossing at the Old Cedar Ave Bridge project – multimodal crossing

PROGRAM	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	STATE \$	OTHER \$
BT	\$14,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000 (bonds)	\$9,000,000 (Local TIF)

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. The project was originally programmed in state fiscal year 2011 in the 2011-2014 TIP. However, because it was not possible to deliver the project before the sunset year, the project was dropped from the regional program.

