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

ТО	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	Concurrence	
Transportation Committee		
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 \$
ВТ	\$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.

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 Avenue Bridge project. These funds were subsequently transferred to the City of Bloomington through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Minnesota National Wildlife Refuge and from the FTA to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

New MAnticipATP orEarma	cal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 45 Money *(State Bonding and Federal Sarbanes grant) bated Advance Construction r MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment of other projects ark or HPP federal funds outside the ATP target (indicate source here)	
*Defined as a	dditional funds not previously programmed in the TI	Р.
\$2,000,000 in bonds awarde the 2013 Omn	of the project is \$14,000,000. The project will be fur federal funds from the FTA (now transferred to the ed to the City of Bloomington, and \$9,000,000 from I hibus Tax Bill (Fiscal Disparities funds to be treated to fully fund this project; therefore, fiscal constraint is	FHWA), \$3,000,000 in state ocal TIF dedicated as part of as local TIF). These new funds
This amendme by the Metrope	CY WITH MPO LONG-RANGE PLAN: ent is consistent with the Metropolitan Council's Tra olitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/F n February 23, 2011.	•
Subject to cExempt fromN/A (not in)	CONFORMITY: conformity determination m regional level analysis* a nonattainment or maintenance area) pt Project Category #O-9 Per Section 93.1	<u>X</u> . <u></u>
	a Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Plannius exempt from air quality conformity analysis under	•
•	sting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. It me at 952-563-8730.	f you have any questions,
Sincerely,		
Jim Gates, P.I Deputy Directo	E. or of Public Works	
Сору:	Brian Isaacson, MnDOT Metro Program Managem Cindy Krumsieg, MnDOT Metro Program Manager	

Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council