

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2013-30

DATE: July 30, 2013
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
SUBJECT: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for the I-394 entrance ramp/bridge from Ridgedale Drive to Westbound I-394 in Minnetonka
REQUESTED ACTION: The Minnesota Department of Transportation requests a TIP amendment to add the I-394 entrance ramp/bridge from Ridgedale Drive to Westbound I-394 in Minnetonka in 2014.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-394 entrance ramp/bridge from Ridgedale Drive to Westbound I-394 in Minnetonka in 2014 for a total of \$6,700,000, using \$1,603,965 of state Transportation Economic Development (TED) funds and \$5,096,035 of local funds.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This project (SP #2789-141) was selected as a 2012 Transportation Economic Development (TED) grant recipient. The state-funded TED Program is a joint effort of MnDOT and the Department of Employment and Economic Development that seeks to close financing gaps for transportation infrastructure improvement construction costs.

Although the project is fully funded by state and local sources, it must be amended into the TIP because it is regionally significant and requires a formal federal action (Interchange Access Request).

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 state and local 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 identified the project as an A15 regionally-significant project as part of its conformity analysis for the 2014-2017 TIP, which is attached. The analysis in the attachment has resulted in a

Conformity Determination that the projects included in the 2014-2017 TIP meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests. The 2014-2017 TIP conforms to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality. 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	July 18, 2013
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

July 9, 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 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2014. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DIST	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-394	S.P. # 2789-141	MnDOT	**TED12** FROM RIDGEDALE DRIVE TO WESTBOUND I394 IN MINNETONKA - NEW ENTRANCE RAMP/BRIDGE 27W09	0.50

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
AM	GSR - GRADE, SURFACE AND BRIDGE	TED LOCAL	\$6,700,000	0	0	0	0	\$6,700,000

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).

SP 2789-141 was selected as a 2012 Transportation Economic Development (TED) grant recipient. The state funded TED Program is a joint effort of MnDOT and the Department of Employment and Economic Development that seeks to close financing gaps for transportation infrastructure improvement construction costs.

Although SP 2789-141 is fully funded by state and local sources, because it is regionally significant and requires a formal federal action (Interchange Access Request) it must be amended into the TIP.

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

- New Money (2012 TED Grant) X
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint _____
- Other _____

TED grant awards are distributed through a competitive solicitation process. In 2012, TED distributed \$27 million in funds matched by \$83 million from private and other public sources.

SP 2789-141 has a total estimated cost of \$6,700,000 with \$1,603,965 in TED 2012 funds and \$5,096,035 in local funds. These new state funds combined with local 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 determinationYES
- Exempt from regional level analysis....._____
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)....._____

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee identified the project as an A15 regionally-significant project as part of its conformity analysis for the 2014-2017 TIP, which is attached. The analysis in the attachment has resulted in a Conformity Determination that the projects included in the 2014-2017 TIP meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests. The 2014-2017 TIP conforms to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality.

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

Sincerely,

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MnDOT Metro District

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