

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2014-29

DATE: April 9, 2014
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
SUBJECT: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for St. Croix Bridge
REQUESTED ACTION: The Wisconsin Department of Transportation requests an amendment to add the St. Croix River bridge replacement project using \$41.34 million of state funds for years 2014-2017.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 TIP to add the St. Croix River bridge replacement project using \$41.34 million of state funds for years 2014-2017.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This TIP amendment is requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in response to extension of the federally-recognized Urbanized Area (UZA) boundary for the Twin Cities metropolitan area based on 2010 Census data. Urbanized areas are Census-designated areas with 50,000 or more residents. The update extended the Twin Cities UZA boundary beyond the seven-county region into Sherburne and Wright Counties in Minnesota and also into a small portion of Houlton, Wisconsin, in St. Croix County. Federal law requires a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to cover at least the complete urbanized area boundary. Due to the small area in Wisconsin included in this boundary, TIP amendments for this area are expected to be infrequent. The St. Croix River bridge project is already included in the Transportation Policy Plan and the TIP for the Minnesota side; this amendment adds the portion of the project on the Wisconsin side.

The format for this amendment differs based on Wisconsin's State Transportation Improvement Program structure.

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 local and federal 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. This portion of the region in Wisconsin is outside of the carbon monoxide maintenance area, and a Clean Air Act conformity determination is not required. Public input opportunities for this amendment are provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: The Technical Advisory Committee unanimously approved the recommended motion.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 20, 2014
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	April 2, 2014
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
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2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Wisconsin: New Projects

Project Number	Project Elements	Project Sponsor	Project Description (street name, termini, type of work, length in miles, and funding program)	Phase	Estimated Cost (in thousands of \$)					Funding Source and Cost Share			
					2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	Federal	State	Local	Total
8110-02	21, 40, 42, 43, 71, 72, 73, 75, 89	WisDOT	St. Croix River Crossing - to 150th Ave in Town of St. Joseph and STH 64 bridge approaches	Engineering	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
			Bridge Replacement - BR	Right-of-Way	4,338	0	0	0	4,338	0	4,338	0	4,338
			4.89 Mi	Construction	5,099	13,134	17,808	951	36,992	0	36,992	0	36,992
				TOTAL	9,437	13,134	17,808	951	41,330	0	41,330	0	41,330