

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2015-03

DATE: December 30, 2014

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: Shoulder reconstruction on US Highway 61 just south of CSAH 9 in White Bear Lake

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to include in the 2015-2018 TIP, funding to reconstruct bituminous outside shoulders on US Highway 61 just south of CSAH 9 in White Bear Lake.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to include funding for reconstruction of bituminous outside shoulders on US Highway 61 just south of CSAH 9 in White Bear Lake.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The project will reconstruct bituminous outside shoulders on US 61 just south of CSAH 9 (Buffalo St.) in White Bear Lake. This project is using \$57,821 in federal Highway Rail Grade Crossing and Rail Safety funds. The funds available for this project are coming from funds not used in another project (SP 10-00120). Federal funds programmed for another project, SP 10-00120, are \$225,000; however, the estimate from the railroad—and the amount authorized--was \$146,128, \$78,872 below what was originally expected to be needed. These uncommitted dollars are sufficient to fully fund SP 6222-177; therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program (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 funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on September 10, 2014 and with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on October 6, 2014. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings. This amendment meets the criteria for using the TAB's streamlined TIP amendment process and was recommended for streamlining by the TAC Executive Committee.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee Executive Committee	Review & Recommend	12/4/2014
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

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
	2015	M	M	TH 61	6222-177	MNDOT	US TH 61, just south of CSAH 9 (Buffalo St) in White Bear Lake; reconstruct bituminous outside shoulders	0.3

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
SR	Construction	RRS	\$57,821	\$57,821	-	-	-	-

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 TIP).

An amendment is needed to add this project to the TIP. The project is to reconstruct bituminous outside shoulders on US 61 just south of CSAH 9 (Buffalo St.) in White Bear Lake. This project is using \$57,821 in federal Highway Rail Grade Crossing and Rail Safety funds.

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

- New Money
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- Other (transferred funds)

X

The funds available for this project are coming from funds not used in another project. That project (SP #10-00120, Gates and Lights for a TCWR crossing on CSAH 41 in Carver County), is programmed in SFY 2015 for \$225,000. However, the estimate from the railroad and the authorized amount has come in lower at \$146,128. The remaining \$78,872 is sufficient to fund this new project (SP #6222-177); 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 September 10, 2014, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on October 6, 2014.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt from regional level analysis: S-10 (Pavement resurfacing or rehabilitation).