

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2015-17

DATE: February 24, 2015

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: St. Paul Local Work added to TAP Pedestrian Improvement Project

REQUESTED ACTION: City of St. Paul requests an amendment to add local road work and increase the cost of its pedestrian bike improvement project (SP# 164-030-011) on East 7th Street from Arcade Street to Bush Avenue.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to add local road work and increase the cost of its pedestrian bike improvement project (SP# 164-030-011) on East 7th Street from Arcade Street to Bush Avenue.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: An amendment is needed to adjust total cost and to modify project description due to the addition of locally funded work. The project will include construction of sidewalks and installation of landscaping, trees, pedestrian lighting, and on-street bicycle facilities. Total project cost will increase due to the City will be adding roadwork at the same time it is completing the sidewalk construction and curb & gutter replacement. This project is using \$423,536 in federal TAP funds. The increase in cost is being paid with City funds.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be 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. This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015. It is also consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan adopted by the Metropolitan Council on September 8, 2014 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	3/2/2015
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
1494	2015	M	M	Ped/Bike	164-030-011	Saint Paul	On E 7 th St from Arcade St to Bush; on Arcade St from E 7 th St to bridge over Phalen Blvd; on Forest St from Wells St to Reaney Ave in St Paul; and on Reaney Ave from Forest St to Johnson Pkwy-sidewalks, landscaping, trees, pedestrian lighting, on-street bicycle facilities, reconstruct E 7 th St from Minnehaha Ave to Bush Ave.	1.1

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
EN	PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENT	TAP	1,479,000	423,536				1,055,464

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).

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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 X

This project (SP 164-030-011) is currently in SFY2015 of the 2015-2018 TIP, with \$423,536 of federal TAP funds, and \$105,875 of local funds from the City of St. Paul, for a total project cost of \$529,411. This amendment request is to increase the local funds from \$105,875 to \$1,055,464, an increase of \$949,589, for a total project cost of \$1,479,000. The increase in project cost is due to the city adding additional work to the project, reconstructing E 7th St from Minnehaha Ave to Bush Ave. There are no changes proposed to the federal TAP funds, 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 January 14, 2015. It is also consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan adopted by the Metropolitan Council on September 8, 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 Project Category #AQ-2. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules