

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2016-21**

**DATE:** February 9, 2016

**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board

**PREPARED BY:** Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)

**SUBJECT:** 2016-2019 Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT US 169 Bridge and Culvert Reconstruction

**REQUESTED ACTION:** The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) requests an amendment to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust the description to include box culvert #27X15 to accommodate a bike trail for its US 169 bridge and culvert replacement project (SP# 2772-113).

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment to the 2016-2019 TIP to adjust the description to include box culvert #27X15 to accommodate a bike trail for MnDOT's US 169 bridge and culvert replacement project (SP# 2772-113).

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This project is the reconstruction of the US 169 / Nine Mile Creek Bridge. The project scope is being updated to include box culvert #27X15 to reflect a larger culvert that will accommodate passage of a Three Rivers Park District bike/pedestrian trail under the causeway. The project's costs are not changing.

**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 federal and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. Funding is not changing. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015. 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**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
Technical Advisory Committee Executive Committee	Review & Recommend for Streamlining	2/5/2016
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

Please amend the 2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify this project in program year 2017. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**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)	M I L E S
1736	2017	M	M	US 169	2772-113	MnDOT	<p><del>**APP**US169, From Bren Road to 7th St in Hopkins—Replace Bridge 27568 (new Bridge #27W35) and Box Culvert 90478 (new Box Culvert #27X15) – Design build project (tied to 2772-104, 2772-105, 2772-110)</del></p> <p>**APP**US169, From Bren Road to 7th St in Hopkins- Replace Bridge 27568 (new BRIDGE #27W35) and the Drainage Box Culvert 90478 (new Box Culvert #27X15), and construct Box Culvert #27X16 for new bike/ped trail – Design build project (tied to 2772-104, 2772-105, 2772-110)</p>	1.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
BR	New Bridge	NHPP	65,855,000	15,855,000	-	-	50,000,000	-

**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).

This amendment is needed to amend the scope and description of a project in the TIP. The project is the reconstruction of the US 169 - Nine Mile Creek Bridge. Because of the causeway bridge design, the project scope is being updated to include a larger box culvert to accommodate passage of a Three Rivers Park District bike/pedestrian trail under the causeway. The culvert will be wide enough to require a culvert number (greater than 10 ft. wide) per guidance for federal authorization, much like a bridge number. The project costs are not changing to accommodate the box culvert.

While this project construction will be in state fiscal year (SFY) 2017, the project will be Design Build. A request for proposals (RFP) for the Design Build contract will go out for bid in April 2016, at which time federal authorization will happen, so therefore the description in the TIP needs to be updated.

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

No additional federal funds are needed, 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, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

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

\*