

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2016-59

DATE: November 4, 2016

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: TAC Executive Committee

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SUBJECT: 2017-2020 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Metropolitan Council
12th Street Transit Ramp

REQUESTED ACTION: The Minnesota Department of Transportation and Metro Transit request an amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the 12th Street Transit Ramp project.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP to add the 12th Street Transit Ramp project.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to add the 12th St. Ramp component of the Orange Line BRT the 2017-2020 TIP. As part of the Orange Line project, Metro Transit is including a bi-directional transit-only ramp from TH 65 onto 12th Street in downtown Minneapolis. This portion of the Orange Line project had not been previously included in the scope of the larger, multi-agency portion of the I-35W/Lake Street Access (SP 2782-327) project due to funding uncertainties. The ramp project is separate from the larger project, but the projects are tied for better construction coordination. The funding for the Orange Line and 12th St. Ramp is from the Counties Transit Improvement Board

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.

Because this project is to be obligated with the I-35W/Lake Street Access (SP 2782-327) project, it needs to be included in the TIP.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. 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.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: 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 for Streamlining	11/7/2016
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

Please amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following 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 L E S
	2017	M	M	BB	TRS-TCMT-17E	MET COUNCIL-MT	**PODI**TH65, FROM I-94 TO 10TH STREET IN MINNEAPOLIS – PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION, DRAINAGE, RETAINING WALLS, BRIDGE REPAIR AND REHAB ON BRIDGE 27840, NEW BRIDGE 27R39. (TIED TO SP 2782-327)	0.3

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
TR	BUS TRANSITWAY	LOCAL	15,000,000	-	-	-	-	15,000,000

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 add the 12th St. Ramp component of the Orange Line BRT the 2017-2020 TIP. As part of the Orange Line project, Metro Transit is including a bi-directional transit-only ramp from TH 65 onto 12th Street in downtown Minneapolis. In combination with a new contraflow lane on 12th Street, this ramp will provide a seamless, reliable connection between the center of the freeway and the local street network, improving reliability for 700 bus trips per day and about 100 buses per hour in the peak periods. The ramp and 12th Street contraflow lane will be built almost entirely within existing MnDOT and City of Minneapolis right-of-way and in close coordination with MnDOT's I-35W Transit/Access project.

This portion of the Orange Line project had not been previously included in the scope of the larger, multi-agency portion of the I-35W/Lake Street Access (SP 2782-327) project due to funding uncertainties. The ramp project is separate from the larger project, but the projects are tied for better construction coordination. The funding for the Orange Line and 12th St. Ramp is from the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County and Dakota County.

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

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

The funding for this project is local sources from the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), Metropolitan Council, and Hennepin County.

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
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)