

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2017-40

DATE: November 6, 2017

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: 2018-2021 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Minnesota Department of Transportation I-94 Resurfacing

REQUESTED ACTION: The City of West St. Paul requests an amendment to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add its Wentworth Avenue Trail project (SP# 173-020-017).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment to the 2018-2021 TIP to add the City of West St. Paul's Wentworth Avenue Trail project (SP# 173-020-017).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Following the removal of one project from the program of TAB-awarded federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) projects prior to its approval of the TIP, TAB voted to fund West St. Paul's "Wentworth Avenue Trail Gap" project. As such an amendment is needed to add the project. The project will construct a one-mile off-road multiuse trail along CSAH 8 from CSAH 63 to Humboldt.

The one-mile trail will run from County State Aid Highway 63 to Humboldt Avenue.

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 local 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. This amendment meets the criteria for using the TAB's streamlined TIP amendment process and was streamlined following recommendation for streamlining by the TAC Executive Committee. This amendment is requested to be approved pending approval of the 2018-2021 TIP by the USDOT. The 2018-2021 TIP was approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 27, after which time it was provided to MnDOT and is currently in federal review. This amendment will not be official until after that approval is granted.

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	10/7/2016
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	11/6/2017
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	-
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	-

Please amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following project in program year 2021.

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
-	2021	M	M	PED / BIKE	173-020-017	WEST ST PAUL	CSAH 8 FROM CSAH 63 TO HUMBOLDT AVENUE IN WEST ST PAUL – CONSTRUCT OFF-ROAD MULTIUSE TRAIL	1.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	BOND	OTHER \$
BT	BIKE/PED	FHWA	1,306,347	984,000	-	-	-	-	322,347

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

- 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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- 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 project will be funded with \$984,000 in STBGP funds, as applied for by the applicant, with the balance coming from the applicant.

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)

*Exempt Project Category AQ-2. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.