

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2018-30**

**DATE:** April 9, 2018  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**PREPARED BY:** Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)  
**SUBJECT:** 2018-2021 Streamlined TIP Amendment for MnDOT: Traffic Management System Project  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** The Minnesota Department of Transportation requests an amendment to the 2018-2021 TIP to add a traffic management project (SP # 8825-658).  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Recommend that TAB adopt the amendment into the 2018-2021 TIP to add a MnDOT traffic management project (SP # 8825-658).

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This TIP amendment is requested to add SP 8825-658 to state fiscal year 2019 of the 2018-2021 TIP. The project is funded by MnDOT-programmed Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds. This is a 2019 project but will be let in July 2018 before the 2019-2022 STIP will be adopted. The project will remove intelligent lane control signals and install dynamic message signs on I-35 and I-35W.

**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 per these four requirements.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because 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 and 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 the Council's regular meetings.

**COMMITTEE 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.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
Technical Advisory Committee Executive Committee	Review & Approve for Streamlining	4-9-2018
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	-
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concur	-

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Please amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following project into program year 2019.

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	A T P	Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	Agency	Description include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	Miles
-	2019	M	M	District-wide	8825-658	MnDOT	I35 frm Crystal Lk Rd to I35/35W/35E. I35W From I35/35W/35E to 42nd St. I94 Frm 1st Ave S to N Western Ave. Remove intelligent lane control signals and install dynamic message signs.	-

Prog	Type of work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	Bond	Other \$
TM	Traffic control devices	STPGB	1,450,000	1,160,000	-	-	290,000	-	-

**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).

This request is to add SP 8825-658 to state fiscal year 2019 of the 2018-2021 TIP. This is a SFY 2019 project but will be let in July 2018 before the next STIP will be adopted. This project has SFY2019 funds as well as previously purchased state furnished materials (electrical cabinets).

- 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

SP 8825-658 has \$450,000 (360,000 STPGB/90,000 TH) in funding from setaside, SP 8816-2607, and also has \$1,000,000 (\$800,000 STPGB/200,000 TH) in previously purchased state furnished materials (electrical boxes). This funding is sufficient to complete the project, therefore maintaining fiscal constraint.

**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 S-7: Traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization and projects per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.