

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2018-34

DATE: June 6, 2018

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: 2019-2022 TIP Amendment: Anoka County Hanson Boulevard Expansion

REQUESTED ACTION: Anoka County requests an amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to eliminate the widening of a bridge and change the cost of its Hanson Boulevard Expansion (SP # 002-678-022).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve an amendment to the 2016-2019 TIP to eliminate the widening of a bridge and change the cost of Anoka County's Hanson Boulevard Expansion (SP # 002-678-022).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Anoka County was awarded \$7,000,000 (\$7,560,000 after inflation adjustment) in Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the 2019 fiscal year in the Roadway Expansion category of the 2014 Regional Solicitation. This TIP amendment is needed to amend the project description to eliminate reference to widening of a bridge, as the bridge will no longer be widened. A cost reduction is also cited. This action item is related to 2018-33, a scope change request, and the costs included in the attached amendment request could change based on the decision made on that item.

For the County to let the project at the desired time, it is requested to approve this amendment pending approval of the 2019-2022 TIP. The 2019-2022 TIP is scheduled to be approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 26, after which time it will be provided to MnDOT and then in federal review. Should the Metropolitan Council approve this amendment prior to federal approval of the 2019-2022 TIP, it will not be official until after that approval is granted.

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. 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. Approval of this TIP amendment must be contingent on the approval of the accompanying scope change and approval of the 2019-2022 TIP by the United

States Department of Transportation (USDOT) during the fall of 2018. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. The 2019-2022 TIP will conform to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality. Public input opportunities for this amendment are provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its May 17, 2018 meeting, the Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of an amendment to the 2019-2022 TIP to eliminate the widening of a bridge and change the cost of Anoka County's Hanson Boulevard Expansion.

At its June 6, 2018 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of an amendment to the 2019-2022 TIP to eliminate the widening of a bridge and change the cost of Anoka County's Hanson Boulevard Expansion.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	5-17-2018
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	6-6-2018
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concur	
Metropolitan Council	Concur	

Please amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the following project in 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	CSAH 78	002-678-022	Anoka County	**MN159**CSAH 78, from 139th Ln NW TO 0.1 mile N of CSAH 18 in Andover– Expand from 2 to 4 lanes, widen one bridge (repurposing)	1.52

Prog	Type of work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	Demo	TH \$	Bond	Other \$
MC	Grade and Surface	STPGB	12,532,320 12,060,320	7,560,000 7,184,000	-	42,951	-	-	4,929,369 4,833,369

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 amend the project description to eliminate reference to widening of a bridge, as the bridge will no longer be widened. A cost reduction is also cited.

- 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

Total project cost is being reduced. 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, 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 due to a lack of impact on the amount or length of capacity added.

