

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

INFORMATION ITEM

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TO: Transportation Advisory Board
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SUBJECT: Project Deferrals from FY 2019 to FY 2020

During project selection, TAB over-programs funds to account for projects withdrawing, projects coming under budget, scope changes reducing the cost of projects, and the possibility of receiving additional federal funds. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) can be overprogrammed, except for the first year. MTS staff is drafting the 2019-2023 TIP and currently the 2019 Program Year is over-programmed by \$6,615,00.

Per the Project Deferral Process attached, MnDOT notified the Regional Solicitation 2019 Program Year recipients for 18 projects that 2019 was overprogrammed and they were offered the opportunity to volunteer to move their project to 2020. If a project is moved to year 2020, the project would not be subject to the Program Year Extension rules of waiting until 2022 to receive federal reimbursement.

The recipients were requested to consider delaying their project for the following:

- 1) Is there a chance that the project could be delayed into FY 2020? If so, the project could be moved now without having to submit a request for a program year extension by the end of 2018. The benefit would be receiving reimbursement in FY 2020 rather than waiting until 2022.
- 2) They were able to wait on reimbursement of your project until 2020. Their project could be programmed in FY 2020 and Advance Constructed in FY 2019 with reimbursement available early FY 2020. If another project withdraws in FY 2019, they would be able to receive reimbursement in 2019.

MnDOT received responses for four recipients who volunteered to defer their project and two recipients who would be willing to Advance Construct their project, if necessary. The following list shows two projects selected for deferral and one project to receive a minor amount reimbursed in FY 2020.

Project	Recipient	Amount	Action
Dale Street/I-94 Interchange	Ramsey County	\$6,010,876	Defer project
E. Blooming Freeway Sidewalk	Bloomington	\$567,892	Defer project
CSAHs 26, 28, 31, and 43 Signal Interconnect, Signal Revisions, Retiming	Dakota County	\$36,312	Advance Construct (\$1,294,248 will remain in FY 2019)
		\$6,615,080	

PROJECT DEFERAL PROCESS

Purpose.

To balance the amount of federal funds for regionally selected projects in the draft TIP by deferring regionally selected projects to a later program year.

Process.

MN/DOT State Aid contacts all local project sponsors and asks them if they want to move a project or projects and give them a defined time frame to reply – two weeks.

MN/DOT State Aid reviews the list of requests and chooses which ones to be deferred following these principles:

- Federal dollar amount moved must balance the draft TIP and fulfill the purpose.
- Projects may move only one year.
- Only projects in their original program year can be moved. Projects that have been previously deferred are not eligible to be moved.
- Projects that are moved receive the following new program year.
- Try not to move too many projects from one sponsoring agency into the same program year where projects are already programmed.
- Try to move as few projects as possible while also trying to move projects from several project sponsors.