

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2018-51

DATE: November 9, 2018

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: 2019-2022 TIP Amendment: MnDOT I-94 Bridge Replacement Project

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project replacing two bridges on I-94 in Wright County (SP # 8680-177).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to add a MnDOT-sponsored project replacing two bridges on I-94 in Wright County (SP # 8680-177).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This TIP amendment is needed to add a new project into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project consists of the replacement of two bridges crossing over I-94 in Wright County. This project is funded with NHPP federal funds. The project will be constructed along with the Corridors of Commerce-funded I-94 reconstruction and expansion project (Action Item 2018-48) also proposed for amendment into the TIP. This amendment is requested to be approved pending approval of the 2019-2022 TIP by the USDOT. The 2019-2022 TIP was approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 26, 2018. It is currently in federal review, which is expected to be complete in November 2018.

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. This project is located in Wright County and within the extended Twin Cities urbanized metropolitan area. It is therefore required to be included in the TIP.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal 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. 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 October 18, 2018, meeting, the Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the TIP

amendment request to add a MnDOT-sponsored project replacing two bridges on I-94 in Wright County.

At its November 7, 2018, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the TIP amendment request to add a MnDOT-sponsored project replacing two bridges on I-94 in Wright County.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	10-18-2018
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	11-7-2018
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Concur	

Please amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects in program years 2019 and 2020. These projects are being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Project 1:

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)	Miles
	2019	M	3	I-94	8680-177	MnDOT	I-94, Replace westbound Bridge #86817 and eastbound Bridge #86818 over Wright Co CSAH 19 in Albertville with new Bridges #86823 and 86824 (AC project, payback in 2020) (Associated with SP 8680-172)	0.0
Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	Other \$
RC	Reconstruction	NHPP	4,080,000	3,210,000	4,620,000		870,000	0

Project 2:

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)	Miles
	2020	M	3	I-94	8680-177AC	MnDOT	I-94, Replace westbound Bridge #86817 and eastbound Bridge #86818 over Wright Co CSAH 19 in Albertville with new Bridges #86823 and 86824 (AC project, payback 1 of 1) (Associated with SP 8680-172)	0.0
Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	Other \$
RC	Reconstruction	NHPP	4,620,000	4,620,000				0

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 a new project to the 2019-2022 Twin Cities metro area TIP. The project consists of the replacement of the I-94 bridges (e.g., #86817 and #86818) over I-94 in Wright County. This project is located in Wright County and within the extended Twin Cities urbanized metropolitan area. SP 8680-177 and -177AC was programmed in ATP-3's element of the STIP and is required to also be shown

in the Met Council's TIP. The total amount programmed for this project in the STIP is \$8,700,000, which includes \$7,830,000 in federal NHPP funds and \$870,000 in State TH matching funds. It has been set up as an Advance Construction (AC) project in 2019 with an AC payback in 2020.

2. 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 (includes State TH funds under Corridors of Commerce Program) ✓

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 from regional level analysis: S-19 (Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes))