

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2018-48

DATE: October 8, 2018

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: 2019-2022 TIP Amendment: MnDOT I-94 Reconstruction and Expansion

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project reconstructing and expanding I-94 in Wright County (8680-172).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the Transportation Advisory Board approve an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to add a project reconstructing and expanding I-94 in Wright County (8680-172) for the purpose of releasing it for a public comment period.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This TIP amendment is needed to add a new project into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It is a new project that was selected for funding under MnDOT's 2018 Corridors of Commerce program. The project is located in Wright County and within the extended Twin Cities urbanized metropolitan area.

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 identified the project as an A20 regionally significant project as part of its conformity analysis for the 2019-2022 TIP. The analysis has resulted in a conformity determination that the projects included in the 2019-2022 TIP meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests. The 2019-2022 TIP conforms 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 along with a 21-day public comment period for this amendment due to the project's regional significance in adding capacity.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Transportation Advisory Board	Release for Public Comment	
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
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 this project in program year 2019. These projects are being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP	Dist	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	8680-172	MNDOT	**COC** I-94 from 0.4 Mi W of Br #86818 over Wright Co CSAH 19 in Albertville to Crow River Br 0.3 Mi E of MN 241 in St. Michael (EBL & WBL), reconstruction; include addition of EB third lane from CSAH 19 to MN 241 and WB third lane from CSAH 37 to MN 241, replacement of BR 86812 on MN 241 in St. Michael W/Br 86822, construction of new EB collector-distributor roadway between CSAH 19 and CSAH 37 in Albertville with interchange revisions (Associated with SP 8680-177 and 8680-177AC)	4.7		
Prog	Type of Work			Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	Other \$
RC	Reconstruction			State TH	60,000,000	0	0		56,000,000	4,000,000

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 SP 8680-172 to the 2019-2022 Twin Cities metro area TIP. SP 8680-172 is a new project that was selected for funding under MnDOT's 2018 Corridors of Commerce program. The project is located in Wright County and within the extended Twin Cities urbanized metropolitan area. Amendment of this project into the Met Council Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) is expected on October 24, 2018. Met Council's approval of the TPP amendment allows the project to be eligible for consideration and inclusion in the region's TIP and the STIP.

SP 8680-172 involves the reconstruction of I-94 from Wright Co. CSAH 19 to MN 241, including construction of new eastbound third lane between CSAH 19 and MN 241 and westbound third lane between CSAH 37 and MN 241, construction of new eastbound collector-distributor roadway between CSAH 19 and CSAH 37, and reconstruction/reconfiguration of the MN 241 interchange. Funding for SP 8680-172 is 100 percent State Trunk Highway funds provided by the Minnesota Legislature under the MnDOT's Corridors of Commerce program.

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)

✓ Funding awarded through Corridors of Commerce Program.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan to be adopted by the Metropolitan Council on October 24, 2018, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination to be established subsequently.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination ✓
- Exempt from regional level analysis
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

✓ The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee identified the project as an A30 regionally-significant project. The attached analysis resulted in a conformity determination that the projects included in the 2019-2022 TIP will meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests. The 2017-2020 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.