

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2019-06

DATE: January 4, 2019

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: 2019-2022 TIP Amendment: MnDOT Railroad Crossing in Eden Prairie

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2019-2022 TIP to change the description and cost for its Valley View Road railroad crossing in Eden Prairie (SP# 27-00319).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to change the description and cost for MnDOT's Valley View Road railroad crossing in Eden Prairie (SP# 27-00319).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to its Valley View Road rail signal project to add a second project location (Eden Prairie Public Pathway) and increase the cost from \$275,000 to \$345,080. This project is funded with federal Railway-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Program funds.

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 the local and federal funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on October 24, 2018, and with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 13, 2018. 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 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.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee Executive Committee	Review & Recommend	1-4-2019
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concur	
Metropolitan Council	Concur	

Please amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify this project in program year 2019. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

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
1445	2019	M	M	MSAS 109	27-00319	MnDOT	TCWR RR, MSAS 109, Valley View Road in Eden Prairie- Upgrade existing signal system TCWR RR, MSAS 109, Valley View Road in Eden Prairie(393279U) and Eden Prairie Public Pathway (972695V)- Upgrade existing signal system	0.0
Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	Other \$
SR	RR Xing Imp	RRS	275,000 345,080	5,000 10,000	-	-		270,000 335,080

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).

An amendment is needed to update the cost and the project description to add a second crossing.

- 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 (RRS and City of Eden Prairie) ✓

✓SP 27-00319 is currently programmed in SFY 2019 with a total project cost of \$270,000 in the 19-22 TIP/STIP. The proposed project cost has increased to \$345,080. The proposal includes the addition of a second location.

The RRS Section 130 federal rail funds programmed in SFY 19 and local funds provided by the City of Eden Prairie are sufficient to fully fund the project; 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 October 24, 2018, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 13, 2018.

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-8: Railroad/highway crossing warning devices