

ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2020-10

DATE: February 6, 2020

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: TAC Executive Committee

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SUBJECT: 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: Traffic Signal System Upgrade

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a project upgrading signals at the intersection of the Blue Line and E. 35th St. in Minneapolis (SP# 27-00328).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment into the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a project upgrading signals at the intersection of the Blue Line and E. 35th St. in Minneapolis (SP# 27-00328).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to add a project upgrading the existing signal system with new flashing lights and gates at the intersection of the Blue Line and E. 35th St. in Minneapolis into year 2021 in the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Funding was made available for the project when a project installing gates and flashing lights at CSAH 77 at MNR Railroad in New Brighton was moved from 2021 to 2022. The project will be funded with Highway Rail Grade Crossings & Rail Safety funds, a federal source programmed by MnDOT.

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 requirements.

STAFF ANALYSIS: This TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on April 24, 2019 and with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019. Air quality analysis is not required, as the project is not located in the maintenance area. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: These amendments meet the criteria for using TAB's streamlined TIP amendment process and were approved for streamlining by the TAC Executive Committee.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee Executive Committee	Review & Recommend	2/5/2020
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	

Please amend the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2021. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)
2021	M	MSAS 249	27-00328	MnDOT	MSAS 249 at E 35 th St in Minneapolis, Upgrade existing signal system with new flashing lights and gates

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
0.0	SR	Traffic Signal Revision	RRS	190,000	171,000	19,000

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 new rail project at the blue line and East 35th Street in Minneapolis into SFY 2021.

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

SP 62-00218 (Install gates and flashing lights at CSAH 77 at MNNR Railroad in New Brighton, sponsored by MnDOT) is being moved from SFY 2021 into SFY 2022 releasing \$190,000 (RRS \$171,000/ Match \$19,000) in SFY 2021. This project will use all those funds, 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 April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

*Exempt due to the project’s location outside of the PM10 maintenance area.