

ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2020-15

DATE: March 5, 2020

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: St. Louis Park Edgewood Road Reconstruction

REQUESTED ACTION: The City of St. Louis Park requests an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add roadway reconstruction to its pedestrian bridge project (SP # 163-090-003).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend to the Council adoption of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add roadway reconstruction to St. Louis Park’s pedestrian bridge project (SP # 163-090-003).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to change the project description to include roadway reconstruction and increase project cost. Roadway reconstruction will include narrowing the roadway and constructing curb and gutter to provide enough public right of way for the multi-use trail and eliminate the need for retaining walls along property lines.

The request is eligible for streamlining. The project is funded by Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds through the Regional Solicitation, but all additional work will be locally funded. This was approved by Met Council through the Informal Scope Change process.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be funded with federal funds 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 recommend TIP amendments to the Council for adoption.

The Streamlined TIP Amendment Process allows projects that meet certain conditions to be streamlined, which entails forgoing TAC Funding & Programming Committee review and results in saving a month of process time.

STAFF ANALYSIS: This project meets the standards to streamline a TIP amendment in that it is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, is not regionally significant, and does not relate to a formal project scope change.

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 October 24, 2018, as amended on April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019. The Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt for air quality

conformity analysis. Public input opportunity for these amendments is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its March 4, 2020, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add roadway reconstruction to St. Louis Park's pedestrian bridge project.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	3/4/2020
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 2020. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description	Miles
1422	2020	M	Local Street	163-090-003	Saint Louis Park	Edgewood Ave from West 26 th St to Cedar Lake Rd in St Louis Park – Construct multi-use facilities and bicycle/pedestrian bridge over BNSF railway, <u>reconstruction</u>	0.6

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
EN	Bridge Pedestrian	STBG- TAP	3,939,840 <u>7,262,000</u>	2,918,400	1,021,440 <u>4,343,600</u>

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).

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- 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 X

The federal funds remain the same; cost increase is funded with city funds. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

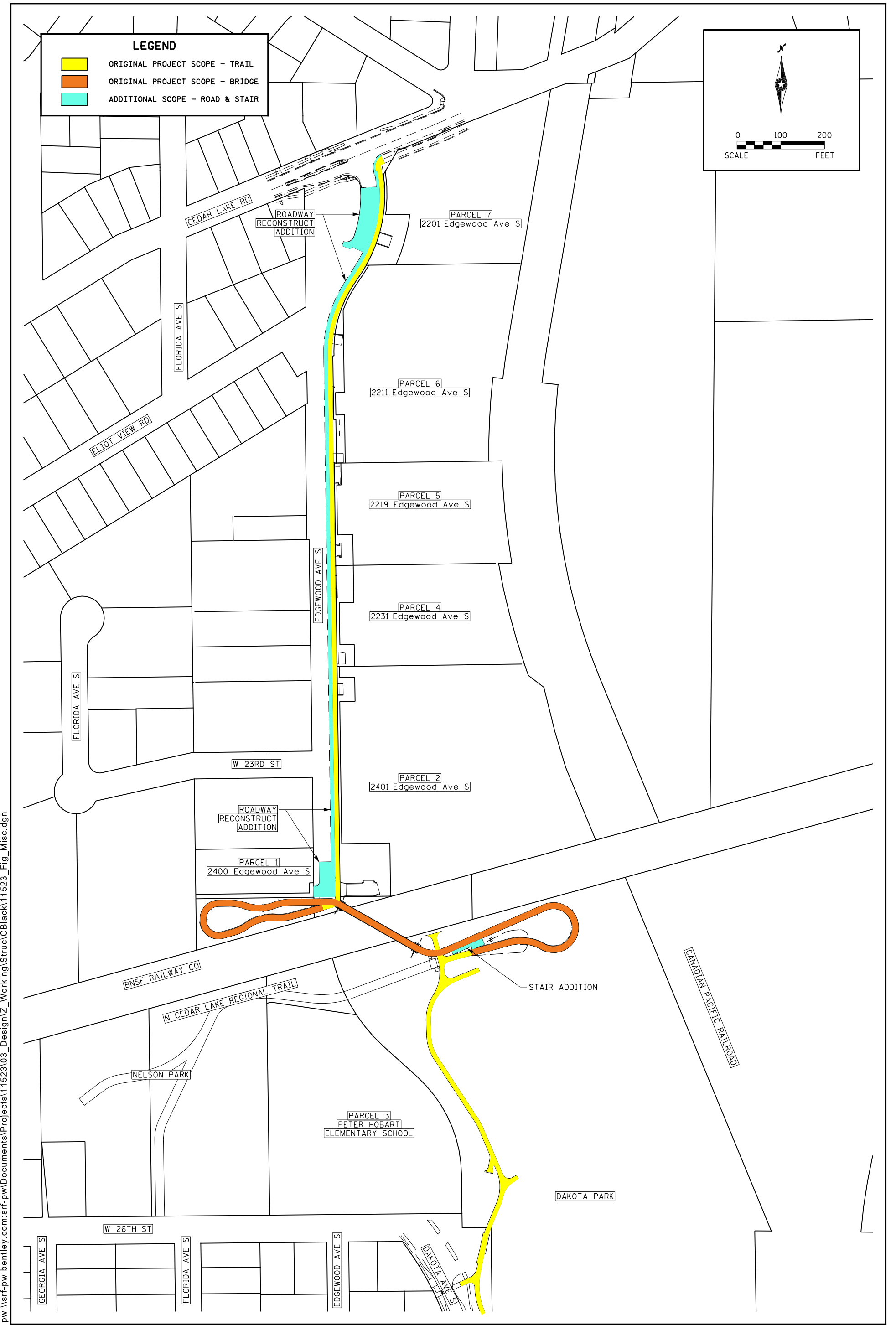
CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council 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 X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt Project Category S-19. Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes) per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.



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STIP AMENDMENT - SCOPE ADDITION GRAPHIC

SP 163-090-003
for City of St. Louis Park

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