

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2020-35

DATE: October 7, 2020
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)
SUBJECT: 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for MnDOT Signal System Replacement in Chanhassen
REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add a project replacing an antiquated signal system in Chanhassen.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add a replacing an antiquated signal system in Chanhassen.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is required to add a new rail crossing project into fiscal year 2021 of the 2021-24 TIP. The project location is CSAH 18 At Lyman Blvd in Chanhassen. At the same time project 27-00328, a replacement of lights and gates in Minneapolis will be dropped.

The project will be funded with funds from the Highway Rail Grade Crossings & Rail Safety program, which is programmed by MnDOT.

The amendment would add the project to the 2021-24 TIP, which was approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 23, 2020, The TIP still needs to be approved by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations. Should this amendment be approved before that approval, the project will not be eligible until federal approval occurs.

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 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: The 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 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 COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its October 7, 2020, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add a replacing an antiquated signal system in Chanhassen.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	10/7/2020
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	10/21/2020
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	10/26/2020
Metropolitan Council	Adopt	10/28/2020

Please amend the 2021-2024 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	Miles
2021	M	CSAH 18	10-00123	MnDOT	CSAH 18 At Lyman Blvd in Chanhassen, Replace antiquated signal system	0.00

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	TH \$
SR	RR Crossing Improvements	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 required to add a new rail crossing project into fiscal year 2021 of the 2021-24 TIP. At the same time project 27-00328, a replacement of lights and gates in Minneapolis will be dropped.

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 X
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- Other

SP 27-00328, programmed for the same cost in the same year, will be dropped, releasing the funds needed for this 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, as amended 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 X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt Project Category S-8, Railroad/highway crossing warning devices per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.