

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2021-06**

**DATE:** February 10, 2021

**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board

**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT:** 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for St. Louis Park: CSAH 25/Beltline Blvd Pedestrian project

**REQUESTED ACTION:** St. Louis Park requests an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to reduce the scope and increase the cost of its CSAH 25 Beltline Boulevard Pedestrian project (SP# 163-291-008).

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to reduce the scope and increase the cost of St. Louis Park's CSAH 25 Beltline Boulevard Pedestrian project (SP# 163-291-008).

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This amendment is needed to reflect St. Louis Park's scope change request to remove project elements being constructed by other projects. The amendment request also includes a cost increase. The project was funded through the 2016 Regional Solicitation.

**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. This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

This TIP amendment requests reflects the scope change request for the same project (AT 2021-06).

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION:** At its January 21, 2021, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee unanimously recommended approval of the TIP amendment request with no reduction in federal funding.

At its February 3, 2021, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the TIP amendment request with no reduction in federal funding.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	1/21/2021
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	2/3/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	2/17/2021
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	3/8/2021
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	3/10/2021

Please amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend this project in program year 2021. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description
1685	2021	M	MSAS 291	163-291-008	St. Louis Park	*AC**: MSAS 291 (Beltline Blvd) from W 36th St to <u>Park Glen Rd</u> and <u>CSAH 25</u> to Minnetonka Blvd & <u>CSAH 25</u> from <u>Beltline Blvd</u> to <u>Lynn Ave</u> and Lynn Ave from CSAH 25 to Minnetonka Blvd in St Louis Park-Construct pedestrian facilities and streetscaping elements (AC project with payback in FY24)

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	AC \$	Other \$
0.0	EN	Sidewalks	STBGP	<del>756,000</del> <u>820,457</u>	560,000	<del>196,000</del> <u>260,457</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).

This amendment is needed to reflect a scope change, removing elements being constructed by other sources and total project cost increase.

- 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

✓ The total project cost increased from \$756,000 to \$820,457. No additional federal funding is needed. Increased local funds provided by St. Louis Park, 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 November 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

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

\*Exempt Project Category AQ-2-Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.