

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2021-10

DATE: February 10, 2021

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for MnDOT: US 212 Lighting Improvement

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to include in the 2021-2024 TIP funding for a lighting upgrade on US 212 (SP# 2763-62).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for MnDOT's lighting upgrade on US 212 (SP# 2763-62).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: MnDOT was awarded funding from the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to upgrade to continuous lighting on US Highway 212 from 1,000 feet west of Valley View Road to 700 feet west of eastbound Minnesota Highway 62. This project was funded with money available for fiscal year 2022.

Projects from that solicitation are scheduled to be included in the 2022-2025 TIP. However, MnDOT anticipates this project beginning before the approval of the 2022-2025 TIP, which will be completed in the fall. Therefore, for the project to begin on time, it needs to be added to the 2021-2024 TIP, which will be active for roughly the first four months of fiscal year 2022. No deviation from the application's original cost or scope is proposed.

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. 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 the Council's regular meetings. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its February 3, 2021, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the TIP amendment request.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
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 include this project in program year 2022. 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)	Miles
2022	M	US 212	2763-62	MnDOT	TH 212 from 1000' West of Valley View Rd to 700' West of EB TH 62 - Remove existing partial interchange lighting and upgrade to continuous lighting	1.79

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	TH \$	Other \$
SH	Lighting	HSIP	500,000	450,000	50,000	-

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 formal amendment is needed to add a new HSIP-funded safety project into the 2021-2024 TIP/ STIP for fiscal year 2022.

- 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

This project was recently awarded Regional Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for SFY 2022.

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 X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt Project Category S-18. Lighting improvements per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.