

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2021-11

DATE: February 10, 2021

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for Richfield: Railroad Gate Installation

REQUESTED ACTION: Richfield requests an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add an additional location and additional cost to its West 77th railroad gates installation (SP# 27-00327).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add an additional location and additional cost to Richfield's West 77th railroad gates installation (SP# 27-00327).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment request is necessary to reflect a change in project scope adding a second location (upgrading detection circuitry adjacent to W 76th Street) to Richfield's West 77th Street installation of gates and flashing lights. This addition also includes a cost increase.

The project is funded through the Highway Rail Grade Crossings & Rail Safety program (Part of Section 130, funded by MnDOT's Office of Freight). This program is not funded through the 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 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 amend this 2021 project. 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
2021	M	MSAS 77	27-00327	Richfield	PGR RR, install gates and flashing lights at MSAS 108, W 77th St, and <u>upgrade detection circuitry adjacent W 76th St, Richfield, Hennepin County</u>	0.0

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
RS	Railroad Crossing	RRS-C	225,000 <u>350,142</u>	202,500 <u>315,128</u>	22,500 <u>35,014</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 formal amendment is needed reflect a change in scope by adding a second location and a 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

The total project cost increased from \$225,000 to \$350,142. Additional federal funding is provided from RRS-C (MnDOT Rail Office) and local funds from Richfield. 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 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.