

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2021-13

DATE: March 3, 2021

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for MnDOT: MN 95 Drainage Repair

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment the 2021-2024 TIP to increase the project length and cost for its drainage project on Minnesota Highway 95 (SP# 8210-114).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to increase the project length and cost for MnDOT's drainage project on Minnesota Highway 95 (SP# 8210-114).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) requests an amendment to reflect an expanded length and increased cost for its Minnesota Highway 95 project. The project will increase from 1.5 miles in length to 9.6 miles. The cost increase is reflected in a second project, SP # 880-SA-21, a setaside fund for supplemental agreements and cost overruns.

This project is entirely state-funded and therefore was not funded through TAB's Regional Solicitation process.

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 March 3, 2021 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to increase the project length and cost for MnDOT's drainage project on Minnesota Highway 95.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	3/3/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	3/17/2021
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	3/22/2021
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	3/24/2021

Please amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include project 1 in program year 2021 (with funds from project 2). This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Project	SEQ #	State Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description
1	1782	2021	M	MN95	8210-114	MnDOT	MN95, 0.52 mi north of MN97 to 0.03 mi south of Cedarcliff Rd <u>0.26 mi south of MN 8 in Scandia and Franconia Township</u> - repair drainage
2	1802	2021	M	Hwy 999	880M-SA-21	MnDOT	Districtwide setaside for supplemental agreement and cost overruns – FY 2021

Project	Miles	Prog	Type of work	Prop funds	Total \$	State \$
1	1.5	DR	Drainage	SF	297,000	297,000
	<u>9.6</u>				<u>497,000</u>	<u>497,000</u>
2	-	SA	Supp Agree & Cost Overruns	SF	24,196,000	24,196,000
					<u>23,996,000</u>	<u>23,996,000</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 and total project cost increase for 8210-114. The cost increase is funded from 880M-SA-21.

- 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 total project cost increased from \$297,000 to \$497,000. Additional state funds will be provided from set-aside 880M-SA-21. 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 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 NC. Non-classifiable per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules