

ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2021-41

DATE: October 6, 2021

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP amendment for Ramsey County:
Lexington Parkway extension

REQUESTED ACTION: Ramsey County requests an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program to change a terminus and add a trail and roundabout to the project description of its Lexington Parkway extension (062-651-067).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program to change a terminus and add a trail and roundabout to the project description of Ramsey County's Lexington Parkway extension (062-651-067).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Ramsey County was awarded \$1,535,420 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds in the 2018 Regional Solicitation. The county requests a small terminus change and a change in intersection type (from signals to roundabout) at Montreal Avenue.

Consulting the Scope Change Policy, MnDOT Metro District State Aid and Council staff determined that these changes can be made via informal scope change. However, a TIP amendment is still needed. This amendment needs be reflected in the 2022-2025 TIP, which is yet to be approved. The Council will consider the amendment following federal approval of the 2022-2025 TIP.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all TIP amendments 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.

The streamlined TIP amendment process allows projects that meet certain conditions to be forgo the TAC Funding & Programming Committee review, resulting in saving a month of process time.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and local 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 October 6, 2021, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended adoption of an amendment the 2022-2025 TIP to change a terminus and add a trail and roundabout to the project description of Ramsey County's Lexington Parkway extension.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	10/6/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend TIP Amendment	10/20/2021
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	*
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	*

* Following the Transportation Advisory Board, the amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP will still need to be considered by the Transportation Committee and Metropolitan Council following approval of the draft 2022-2025 TIP.

Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2022. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description
TBD	2022	M	CSAH 51	062-651-067	Ramsey County	**PRS**CSAH 51 from Shepard Road to West 7th <u>Adrian St</u> in St. Paul-Lexington Parkway extension, Sidewalk, <u>trail</u> , <u>roundabout</u> , traffic signals

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
0.19	MC	Grade and Surface	STBGP	2,072,817	1,535,420	537,397-
<u>0.22</u>				<u>3,336,300</u>		<u>1,800,880</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 change the project description following approval of an informal scope change that modifies the signal at Montreal Avenue to a roundabout and makes a minor change to the project termini. The amendment is also adding trails to the description, as the original project description inadvertently left them out, and correcting the project length, which is incorrect in the current TIP.

- 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 *

Local funds. No additional federal funds are being added to the 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 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 E-3. Interchange reconfiguration projects per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

INFORMAL SCOPE CHANGE REQUEST FORM

SP # 062-651-067
Regional Solicitation Year: 2018
Funding Application ID# 10764
Current Fiscal Year: 2022
Current STIP Description: **PRS** : CSAH 51 FROM SHEPARD ROAD TO WEST 7TH ST IN ST. PAUL-LEXINGTON PARKWAY EXTENSION, SIDEWALK, TRAFFIC SIGNALS
STIP Federal Funding: (STP) \$ 1,535,420
STIP Total Cost: \$ 2,072,817
Proposed New STIP Description: **PRS** : CSAH 51 FROM SHEPARD ROAD TO ADRIAN STREET IN ST. PAUL - PH 2 OF LEXINGTON PARKWAY EXTENSION FROM WEST 7 TH ST, PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCOMMODATIONS, MEDIAN, ROUNDABOUT AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS
Federal Funding: \$1,535,420 (will be same as current fed \$ unless scope change reduces funds)
New Total Cost: \$3,336,300 construction; \$1,247,000 right of way
Short write up with reason for scope change (i.e.; contractor coordination, better bids, etc.): Update in project termini and intersection type at Montreal Avenue.

ATTACHMENTS:

Colored Map – include original project in one color and any changes/additions in another color

To be filled out by Federal Aid Project Manager

STIP Amendment required? Y/N

Project changes will be updated in the xxxx-xxxx TIP/STIP

If changes will be made in the upcoming STIP rather than processing an amendment, add this note, and place N/A in the Formal and STIP Modification blanks below. If not applicable, remove these instructions and note.

Formal Amendment _____ STIP Modification _____

If STIP Amendment is required, fill out [template s:FEDAID/stip amendments/Blank Form/TIP Amendment form.docx](s:FEDAID/stip amendments/Blank Form/TIP Amendment form.docx) (formal amendment) or <s:FEDAID/stip amendments/Blank Form Template for Admin Modification.xlsx> (STIP Mod) - Remove this note before submitting

Original Layout



ROUNDBABOUT ALTERNATIVE

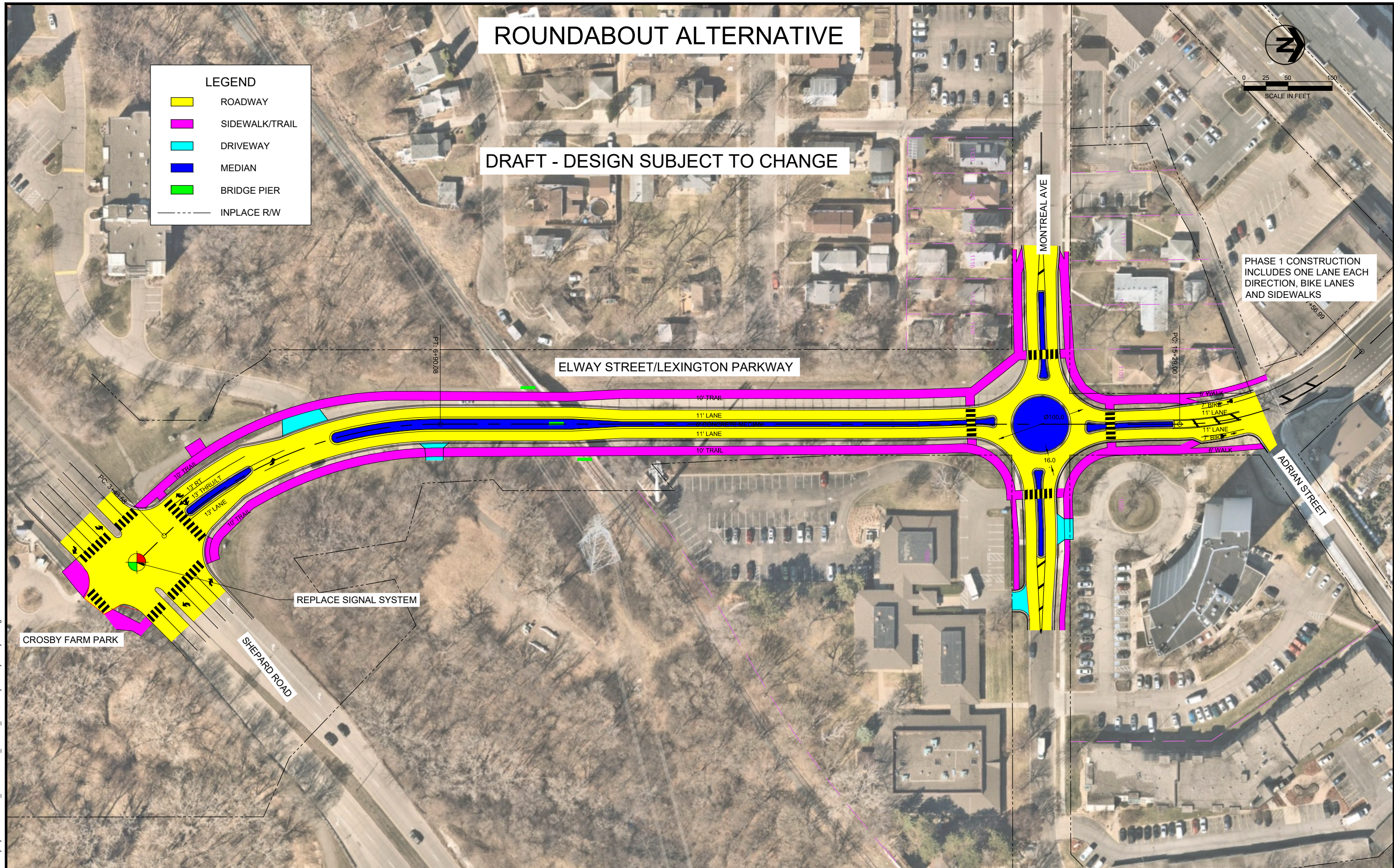
DRAFT - DESIGN SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LEGEND

- ROADWAY
- SIDEWALK/TRAIL
- DRIVEWAY
- MEDIAN
- BRIDGE PIER
- INPLACE R/W

SCALE IN FEET

PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION INCLUDES ONE LANE EACH DIRECTION, BIKE LANES AND SIDEWALKS



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NO.	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION OF REVISIONS

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**LEXINGTON PARKWAY
 REALIGNMENT**

**REVISED PROPOSED
 PHASE 2 LAYOUT**

PROJ. NO.	
DRAWING NO.	