

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2022-07

DATE: January 12, 2022
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (joe.barbeau@metc.state.mn.us)
SUBJECT: Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP amendment for MnDOT: US 61 Bridge Wearing Course Replacement in Hastings
REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to 2022-2025 TIP to add a new project replacing the wearing course on US 61 Bridge # 19004 over Mississippi River in Hastings (SP # 1913-110).
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a new MnDOT-sponsored project replacing the wearing course on US 61 Bridge # 19004 over Mississippi River in Hastings (SP # 1913-110).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This request is to add a new project on US 61 Bridge #19004 over the Mississippi River in Hastings replacing the wearing course.

This project is to be funded with National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds, which are not programmed through the Regional Solicitation. The \$3.2 million in federal funds is available from a US 10 Reconstruction project, which released \$10.7 million.

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 recommend TIP amendments to the Council for adoption, provided these four requirements are met.

The streamlined TIP amendment process allows projects that meet certain conditions to be streamlined, which entails forgoing the 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 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 January 5, 2022, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a new MnDOT-

sponsored project replacing the wearing course on US 61 Bridge # 19004 over Mississippi River in Hastings.

ROUTING

| TO | ACTION REQUESTED | DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Technical Advisory Committee | Review & Recommend | 1/5/2022 |
| Transportation Advisory Board | Review & Recommend | 1/19/2022 |
| Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee | Review & Recommend | 1/24/2022 |
| Metropolitan Council | Review & Adopt | 1/26/2022 |

Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change 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 | US 61 | 1913-110 | MNDOT | MN 61 on BR#19004 Wearing Course Replacement |

| Miles | Prog | Type of Work | Prop Funds | Total \$ | FHWA \$ | Other \$ |
|-------|------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 0.0 | BR | REHAB | NHPP | 4,000,000 | 3,200,000 | 800,000 |

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. 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 add a new federally funded project into SFY 2022

2. 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

Federal funds are available from SP 0215-76, following its 12/15/2021 administrative modification that released \$10,760,000 in federal funding. This project will use \$3,200,000. 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 S-10—Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.