

# Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



**Meeting Date:** April 20, 2022

**Date:** April 13, 2022

## Action Transmittal: 2022-15

TIP Amendment: I-94 Auxiliary Lane in Oakdale and Woodbury

**To:** Transportation Advisory Board

**From:** Technical Advisory Committee

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### Requested Action

MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a project line funding a new auxiliary lane from I-494/I-694/I-94 in Oakdale to Washington County Highway 19 (Woodbury Drive) in Woodbury (SP # 8282-132F) and to add a guardrail and noisewall to its associated existing I-94 maintenance project located between Oakdale and the St. Croix River (SP # 8282-132).

### Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a project line funding a new auxiliary lane from I-494/I-694/I-94 in Oakdale to Washington County Highway 19 in Woodbury (SP # 8282-132F) and to add a guardrail and noisewall to MnDOT's associated I-94 maintenance project located between Oakdale and the St. Croix River (SP # 8282-132) for the purpose of release for public comment.

### Summary

This requested action involves adding a new eastbound auxiliary lane to Interstate 94 from the I-494/694/94 system interchange in Oakdale to Washington County Highway 19 (Woodbury Drive) in Woodbury. The freight project element was one of the six freight projects that were amended into the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan on March 9, 2022. This freight improvement, along with updated guardrail and noisewall, is to be added to an existing maintenance project. This is a regionally significant project addition and is therefore subject to a 21-day public comment period. TAC and the Funding & Programming Committee unanimously recommended approval of the release for public comment.

### Background and Purpose

This amended is needed to update project costs and scope to reflect new added freight funds and scope to the existing I-94 concrete project (8282-132) in Washington County. Because the new funds are from a different funding program, the entire cost and most of the scope update occur in a new project line (8282-132F).

The existing project is funded through the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) while the proposed project is to be funded by the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP), both of which are

federal funds not funded through the Regional Solicitation. The freight project was included as a project in the State Freight Plan (Freight Investment Plan) in 2022.

### 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. Because the new project element is regionally significant, the request is subject to a 21-day public comment period.

### Staff Analysis

The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, which amended in the freight project on March 9, 2022. 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 classified as an A30 regionally significant project but because it is not located within the existing air quality maintenance area, a new conformity determination is not required.

### Committee Comments and Actions

At its March 17, 2022, meeting the TAC Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a project line funding a new auxiliary lane from I494/I694/I94 in Oakdale to Washington County Highway 19 in Woodbury (SP # 8282-132F) and to add a guardrail and noisewall to MnDOT's associated I-94 maintenance project located between Oakdale and the St. Croix River (SP # 8282-132) for the purpose of release for public comment. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency pointed out that an air quality conformity determination is not needed because one was done when the project was originally in the TIP (going back to the 2020-2023 TIP), the new project is not as large as the original project, and the project is located away from the existing air quality maintenance area, though the opportunity to mitigate construction and air quality impacts during construction exists.

At its April 6, 2022, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a project line funding a new auxiliary lane from I-494/I-694/I-94 in Oakdale to Washington County Highway 19 in Woodbury and to add a guardrail and noisewall to MnDOT's associated I-94 maintenance project located between Oakdale and the St. Croix River for the purpose of release for public comment. Discussion occurred on the project's relation to safety; the auxiliary lane will address weaving, which is a safety concern.

### Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed / Scheduled
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 17, 2022
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	April 6, 2022
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Release for Public Comment	April 20, 2022
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and Recommend	May 18, 2022
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	May 23, 2022
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	June 8, 2022





Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend project 8282-132 and add project 8282-132F in program year 2023. These projects are is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

	Existing Project (8282-132)	Proposed Project (8282-132F)
Seq #	1678	<u>TBD</u>
State Fiscal Year	2023	<u>2023</u>
ATP/District	Metro	<u>Metro</u>
Route System	I 94	<u>I 94</u>
Project Number (S.P. #)	8282-132	<u>8282-132F</u>
Agency	MnDOT	<u>MnDOT</u>
Description	**AC**B2020**I94, from MN120 in Oakdale to St Croix River in Lakeland – Concrete overlay, TMS, drainage, signing, lighting, guardrail, noisewall, Hudson Frontage Rd resurfacing, median barrier and ADA improvements (AC project, payback in FY24) ( <u>Associated to 8282-132F</u> )	**AC**SPPF**I94, from <u>I494/694/94 in Oakdale to Washington County Hwy 19 (Woodbury Drive) in Woodbury – Construct eastbound auxiliary lane, (AC project, payback in FY24) (Associated to 8282-132)</u>
Miles	10.53	<u>1.98</u>
Prog	RD	<u>RC</u>
Type of Work	Reconstruction	<u>Reconstruction</u>
Prop Funds	NHPP	<u>NHFP</u>
Total \$	103,784,000	<u>8,000,000</u>
FHWA \$	28,082,000	<u>4,200,000</u>
AC \$	65,323,600	<u>3,000,000</u>
TH \$	10,378,400	<u>800,000</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 update total project costs and scope for newly added freight funds and scope on SP 8282-132F (associated to 8282-132)

- 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

This project was awarded \$8,000,000 from the 2020 MN Highway Freight award program. This is in addition to Metro’s federal budget authority. 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 (amended March 9, 2022) 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) \*

\*8282-132F: The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee identified the project as an A-30 regionally significant project. However, given that the project is outside of the existing air quality maintenance area, it is not subject to a conformity determination. 8282-132 is exempt per Project Category S-10. Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules, though the amendment in its entirety is subject to a conformity determination.