

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

Date: April 13, 2022

Action Transmittal: 2022-16

Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment: MnDOT US 169 Cable Median Barrier

To: Transportation Advisory Board

From: Technical Advisory Committee

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Requested Action

MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to increase the total and federal cost of its US 169 cable median barrier installation (SP # 2750-97). The request includes a minor correction to the project length (5.55 miles to 5.4 miles).

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to increase the total and federal cost and correct the length of MnDOT's US 169 cable median barrier installation (SP # 2750-97).

Summary

This requested action involves adding funds to a cable-median barrier project that has increased in cost since the application was completed. The cost increase will be covered by local funds and federal funds under MnDOT's discretion. This is a streamlined TIP amendment request and was unanimously recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee.

Background and Purpose

This amendment request is to increase the total cost of the US 169 cable median barrier project between Brooklyn Park and Champlin. The request includes a minor correction to the project length (5.55 miles to 5.4 miles). No change to the scope is proposed.

This project is funded through the HSIP Solicitation that is administered by MnDOT. MnDOT is proposing adding non-Solicitation HSIP funds to the project.

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 its April 6, 2022, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to increase the total and federal cost and correct the length of MnDOT's US 169 cable median barrier installation.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed / Scheduled
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	April 6, 2022
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	April 20, 2022
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	April 25, 2022
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	April 27, 2022



Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change this project in program year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description
1652	2023	M	US 169	2750-97	MnDOT	US 169 from 85th St in Brooklyn Park to West River Rd in Champlin-Install cable median barrier

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
5.55	SH	Median Barrier	HSIP	\$967,000	\$870,300	\$96,700
5.4				\$1,540,000	\$1,386,000	\$154,000

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 to increase the total project cost and make a correction to the project length.

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

The federal increase of \$515,700 will be balanced in the 23-26 STIP adoption

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 S9—Guardrails, median barriers, crash cushions per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.