

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

Date: April 13, 2022

Action Transmittal: 2022-17

Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment: Carver County MN 5 Preliminary Engineering

To: Transportation Advisory Board

From: Technical Advisory Committee

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Requested Action

Carver County requests an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a 2022 project allocating recently awarded federal funding to the TH 5 (Arboretum Boulevard) corridor (SP # 010-596-015).

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a 2022 project allocating recently awarded federal funding to the TH 5 (Arboretum Boulevard) corridor in Carver County (SP # 010-596-015).

Summary

This requested action involves adding \$2.5 million of recently awarded federal Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending to Carver County for preliminary engineering along Trunk Highway 5 in Victoria and Chanhassen. Engineering will be completed along, and beyond, a corridor funded in the 2020 Regional Solicitation. This is a streamlined TIP amendment request and was unanimously recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee.

Background and Purpose

This amendment request is to add a new project line to include federally funded preliminary engineering along MN 5 in Carver County. The project was recently funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) as part of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending. The preliminary engineering will cover the length of a project that was also awarded Regional Solicitation funding as part of the 2020 funding cycle.

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 Actions

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 2022 project allocating recently awarded federal funding to the TH 5 (Arboretum Boulevard) corridor in Carver County.

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 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	Miles
TBD	2022	M	TH	010-596-015	Carver County	TH 5 (Arboretum Blvd) from 0.15 Miles W of Stiger Lake Lane in Victoria to Century Blvd in Chanhassen – Preliminary Engineering	3.4

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	OTHER \$
RC	Preliminary Engineering	STPGP	2,500,000	2,000,000	500,000

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 new funds from the IIJA Transportation Bill to the STIP for preliminary engineering.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money - X
 - Anticipated Advance Construction
 - ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
 - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
 - Other

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 NC. Non-classifiable per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules