

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: October 19, 2022

Date: October 10, 2022

Action Transmittal: 2022-40

Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Minnesota River Greenway

To: Transportation Advisory Board

From: Technical Advisory Committee

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Requested Action

Dakota County requests an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add a pedestrian bridge to, and increase the cost of, its Minnesota River Greenway project (SP # 019-090-024).

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add a pedestrian bridge to, and increase the cost of, Dakota County's Minnesota River Greenway project (SP # 019-090-024).

Summary

The requested action involves adding a locally funded pedestrian bridge to Dakota County's Minnesota River Greenway project and increasing the project cost accordingly.

Background and Purpose

Dakota County was awarded this project in the 2018 Regional Solicitation. The county is requesting the amendment to change the project description and update the total cost to reflect an administrative scope change that added a pedestrian bridge over the railroad and connection to an in-place trail system.

While the funding source for the existing project is the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, awarded through the Regional Solicitation, the additional work is being funded with local funds.

This TIP amendment request is to be reflected in the 2023-2026 TIP, which is yet to be approved. The Council will consider the amendment request following federal approval of the 2023-2026 TIP and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Relationship to Regional Policy

Federal law requires that all TIP amendments meet the following tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to recommend TIP amendments to the Council for adoption, provided these 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.

Staff Analysis

At its October 5, 2022, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add a pedestrian bridge to, and increase the cost of, Dakota County's Minnesota River Greenway project.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed / Scheduled
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	October 5, 2022
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	October 19, 2022
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	TBD*
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	TBD*

*The request will be provided to the Transportation Committee following United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) approval of the 2023-2026 TIP.



Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust this project in program year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

State Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description
2023	M	Local Streets	019-090-024	Dakota County	Minnesota River Greenway from MN77 (Cedar Ave) to RR corridor Big Rivers Regional Trail, West of CSAH 26 (Lone Oak Rd) in Eagan-Construct multi-use trail, bridge rehab Br #R0888, and construct Boardwalk Br #S R0889, R0890, R0891, R0892, R0893, R0894, R0895, construct BR #R0919 over Union Pacific RR, and archeological investigations along proposed trail segment

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
2.8	BT	Bike Trail and	STBG-TAP	6,269,907	3,508,000	2,761,907
<u>3.26</u>		Bridge		<u>\$12,791,297</u>		<u>\$9,283,297</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 requested to change the project description and update the total cost to reflect an administrative scope change that added a pedestrian bridge over the RR and connection to an in-place trail system. This change of scope is being funded with local funds.

- 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

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 October 24, 2018, as amended on November 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

Conformity demonstration is not required as all of the region is in attainment of federal standards for all transportation-related air pollutants as of 9/24/2022.

Minnesota River Greenway - Fort Snelling TIP Amendment

-  Existing Trail
-  Minnesota River Greenway Trail - Connection to Big Rivers Regional Trail
-  Proposed Amendment

