

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: September 21, 2022

Date: September 14, 2022

Action Transmittal: 2022-35

Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Hennepin Avenue BRT Platforms

To: Transportation Advisory Board

From: Technical Advisory Committee

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Requested Action

Hennepin County requests an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to remove bus rapid transit (BRT) platforms from the description of its bikeway project (SP # 027-652-042).

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to remove bus rapid transit stations from the description of Hennepin County's bikeway project.

Summary

The requested action involves the removing bus rapid transit (BRT) platforms from a bikeway project. The Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of this streamlined TIP amendment request.

Background and Purpose

Hennepin County was awarded this project in the 2018 Regional Solicitation. The bus rapid transit (BRT) platforms currently included in the description were not a part of that project. They were added via an administrative modification, with all local funding, due to their location within the project limits. The BRT platforms now need to be removed from the description due to environmental documentation timing between the project and the METRO E Line. This will return the TIP description to that of the original project award.

The funding source is the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, awarded through the Regional Solicitation.

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.

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 projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Committee Comments and Action

At its September 7, 2022, meeting the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to remove bus rapid transit stations from the description of Hennepin County's bikeway project.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Scheduled / Completed
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	September 7, 2022
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	September 21, 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 amend this project. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
TBD	2023	M	CSAH 52	027-652-042	Hennepin County	CSAH 52 (Hennepin Ave and 1st Ave) from Main St SE (CSAH 23) to 8th St SE (MSAS 231) in MPLS-Bikeway, ADA, traffic signals, intersection crossing improvements, trail, mill and overlay, BRT platforms , lighting (Associate to 2710-57)	0.53

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
BT	Bike/Ped	STBG-TAP	\$10,985,000 \$10,685,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,485,000 \$5,185,000

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 remove BRT Platforms from the project description and adjust total cost accordingly.

- 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

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 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

Highway CSAH 52 TIP Amendment

- Project Location
- Hennepin Ave & 1st Ave
from Main St SE to 8th St SE

