

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: September 21, 2022

Date: September 14, 2022

Action Transmittal: 2022-36

Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Bruce Vento Trail Extension

To: Transportation Advisory Board

From: Technical Advisory Committee

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Requested Action

Ramsey County requests an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add preliminary engineering for its Bruce Vento Trail Extension.

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add preliminary engineering for an extension of the Bruce Vento Trail.

Summary

The requested action involves adding preliminary engineering for an extension of the Bruce Vento Trail. The Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of this streamlined TIP amendment request.

Background and Purpose

Ramsey County received federal congressionally directed funding to complete preliminary engineering for a 6.4-mile extension of the Bruce Vento Trail. This funding is not part of the Regional Solicitation Process.

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 project is 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 add preliminary engineering for an extension of the Bruce Vento Trail.

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 include 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 (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
TBD	2023	M	Local	062-090-004	Ramsey County	Bruce Vento Trail Extension – Buerkle Rd. to Co. Rd. J	6.4

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
BT	Preliminary Engineering	FFM	\$1,625,000	\$1,300,000	325,000

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 a new project that received federal congressionally directed funds to the 2023-2026 TIP.

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 X
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt Project Category AQ-2—Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

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 Project Location

Bruce Vento Trail Extension
- Buerkle Road to County Road J

