

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee Meeting Date: November 15, 2023

Date: November 3, 2023

Action Transmittal: 2023-52

Regionally Significant TIP Amendment Request – Two New Projects

To: Transportation Advisory Board

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Requested Action

MnDOT and Scott County request an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add two regionally significant projects.

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board accept the public comment report and recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add two regionally significant projects:

- Lane additions on I-94 from Albertville to Monticello in Wright County (SP# 8680-189) and
- New interchange at US 169 and CSAH 59 in Scott County (SP# 070-659-001)

Background and Purpose

The following projects are proposed for addition to the 2024-2027 TIP:

- MnDOT requests the addition of a I-94 Albertville to Monticello Lane Expansion Project in Wright County to the TIP. This project will expand approximately eight miles of I-94 from two to three travel lanes. A portion of this project is within the MPO Planning Area and a portion of it is outside of the boundary. The project will be constructed by MnDOT District 3, not Metro District. This project is funded through the state's Corridors of Commerce program.
- Scott County requests the addition of a grade-separated interchange on US 169 at CSAH 59 (Delaware Avenue) into the TIP. This project is locally funded by Scott County.

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. Because the new projects are regionally significant, the request is subject to a 21-day public comment period.

Staff Analysis

The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal, state, 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.

Committee Comments and Action

At its September 21, 2023, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add two regionally significant projects:

- I-94 lane expansion from Albertville to Monticello in Wright County (SP# 8680-189) and
- Construction of US 169 interchange at CSAH 59 in Scott County (SP# 070-659-001) and that the amendment be released for public comment.

At its October 4, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP add two regionally significant projects:

- I-94 lane expansion from Albertville to Monticello in Wright County (SP# 8680-189) and
- Construction of US 169 interchange at CSAH 59 in Scott County (SP# 070-659-001) and that the amendment be released for public comment.

At its October 18, 2023, meeting, the Transportation Advisory Board voted unanimously to release the TIP amendment request for public comment.

Staff Response to Public Comments

The public comment period ran from October 19 to November 8 and 24 comments were received. Of these comments, 10 expressed support (primarily for the I-94 lane additions but also for the US 169/CSAH 59 interchange), 13 comments expressed opposition (with I-94 similarly being the more common project discussed), and one comment provided commentary not related to the two projects in question.

Council staff recommends acceptance of the public comments and adoption of the amendment for the following reasons:

- The TAC Funding & Programming Committee and Technical Advisory Committee recommended release of the project for public comment with no concerns related to its approval.
- The projects have been through the TAC/TAB process as part of 2040 TPP Amendment #2 and are scheduled to be approved by the Council on December 13.



Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	September 21, 2023
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	October 4, 2023
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Release for Public Comment	October 18, 2023
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	<i>November 15, 2023</i>
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	<i>November 27, 2023</i>
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	<i>December 13, 2023</i>



2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST

Please amend the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2024.

Project Identification

Fiscal Year (State)	2024
ATP and District	3
Route System	I-94
Project Number (S.P. #)	8680-189
Agency	MnDOT
Description	**BFP**MN288**COC**I 94, from 0.4 M west of Monticello to 0.4 M east of CSAH 37, Expansion from two-to-three lanes, grading and concrete surfacing & Bridges 86819 & 86825
Miles	9.6
Program	RC
Type of work	Grading and Concrete Surfacing & Bridge Construction
Proposed Funds	COC
Total \$	105,300,000
FHWA \$	5,000,000
State \$	100,200,000
Other \$	100,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This amendment is needed to add this project to fiscal year 2024. The project is funded with Corridors of Commerce, Bridge Formula Program, Congressional Directed Spending as well as federal and state funds.

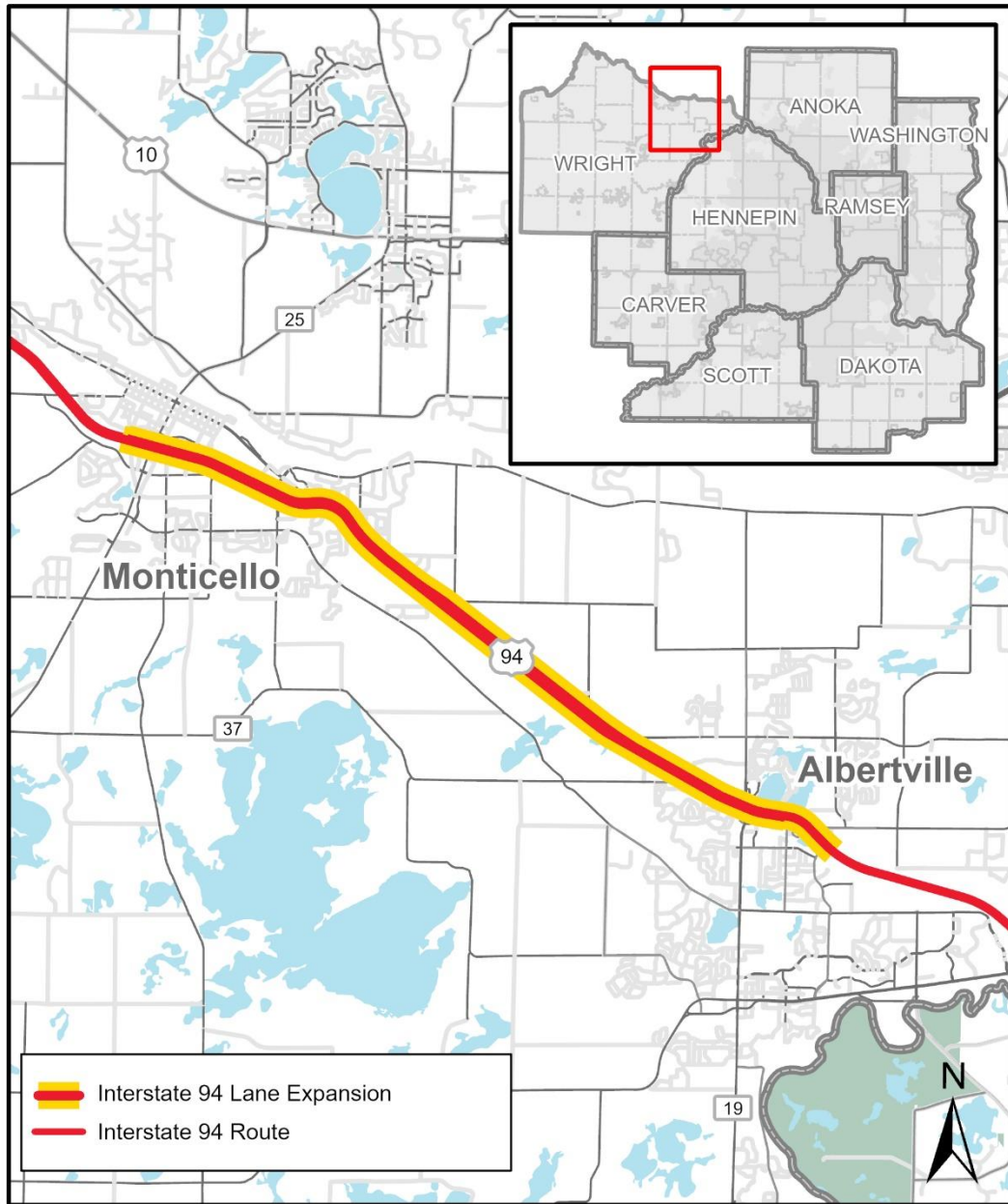
Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

This project was awarded State Corridors of Commerce, Congressional Directed Spending, Bridge Formula Program funding, as well as federal and state funding. 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 November 18, 2020, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

Interstate 94, Lane Expansion, Monticello to Albertville



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2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST

Please amend the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2024.

Project Identification

Fiscal Year (State)	2024
ATP and District	Metro
Route System	US 169
Project Number (S.P. #)	070-659-001
Agency	Scott County
Description	**PRS**US 169 at CSAH 59 (Delaware Ave) in Scott County – Construct interchange
Miles	1.5
Program	MC
Type of work	Major Construction
Proposed Funds	Other (Local)
Total \$	17,500,000
FHWA \$	0
Other \$	17,500,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This amendment is needed to add this fiscal year 2024 regionally significant project constructing a grade separated interchange at the intersection of US 169 and CSAH 59 (Delaware Ave).

Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

This project is funded entirely by Scott County. 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 November 18, 2020, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

