Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee Meeting Date: January 15, 2025

Date: January 8, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2025-03

Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT's I-94 & I-35E Bridge Improvements Project Cost Reduction

| То: | Transportation Advisory Board | |
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| From: | Technical Advisory Committee | |
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Requested Action

MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reduce the cost and combine scopes for its I-94 and I-35E bridge improvements project.

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend approval of an amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP to reduce the cost and combine the scopes of MnDOT's I-94 and I-35E bridge improvements project.

Background and Purpose

MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reduce the cost and combine scopes for its I-94 and I-35E bridge improvements projects. MnDOT requests that one project (SP# 6282-224) to rehabilitate the Marion Street (CSAH 56) bridge over I-94 and the eastbound ramp to be merged into an existing project (SP# 6282-216) to improve several bridges over I-94 and I-35E. The following improvements are included in the amendment:

- Repair nine bridges
- Replace superstructure on two bridges
- Reconstruct pavement near two bridges
- Rehabilitate Marion Street (CSAH 56) bridge, improve signals on eastbound ramp, and ADA improvements

This includes a minor change in scope to current SP# 6282-224, changing signal replacement to repair. The total cost of the final project is \$23,758,000, representing a total project cost reduction of \$3,911,000, covered with \$21,382,000 in federal funds and \$2,375,800 in state funds. This project is funded by NHPP (National Highway Performance Program) and Bridge Formula Program funds. This project is not funded with Regional Solicitation funds.

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.

Staff Analysis

The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects. 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 Actions

At its January 8, 2025, meeting the Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of an amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP to reduce the cost and combine the scopes of MnDOT's I-94 and I-35E bridge improvements project.

Routing

| То | Action Requested | Date Completed (Date Scheduled) |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Technical Advisory Committee | Review & Recommend | January 8, 2025 |
| Transportation Advisory Board | Review & Recommend | January 15, 2025 |
| Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee | Review & Recommend | January 27, 2025 |
| Metropolitan Council | Review & Adopt | February 12, 2025 |

2025-2028 TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST

Please amend the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust the below projects.

Project Identification

| | 6282-216 | 6282-224 |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Seq # | TBD | TBD |
| State Fiscal Year (State) | 2025 | 2025 |
| ATP and District | Metro | Metro |
| Route System | 194 | 194 |
| Project Number (S.P. #) | 6282-216 | 6282-22 4 |
| Agency | MnDOT | MnDOT |
| Description | **BFP**: 194, FROM WESTERN AVE TO | 94, AT MARION ST (CSAH 56) IN ST |
| | MOUNDS BLVD AND I35E FROM 10TH ST TO JACKSON ST IN ST PAUL- REPAIR | PAUL - REHAB BRIDGE #62878 (MARION/CSAH 56 OVER I-94 & EB |
| | BRIDGES 62703, 62706, 62889, 62877, | (IVI/ARION/CS/ARI 36 OVER 1-94 & EB RAMP), SIGNAL REPLACEMENT |
| | 62898, 62888, 62891, 62894, 62893, PAINT | REPAIR , ADA IMPROVEMENTS (TIE |
| | BRIDGES 62878, 62879; REPLACE | TO 6282-216) |
| | SUPERSTRUCTURE ON BRIDGES 9631 AND | , |
| | 9632 AND RECONSTRUCT PAVEMENT | |
| | FROM .024 MILES SOUTHWEST OF | |
| | BRIDGES 9631 AND 9632 AND <u>AT MARION</u> | |
| | <u>ST (CSAH 56) IN ST PAUL - REHAB BRIDGE</u> | |
| | <u>#62878 (MARION/CSAH 56 OVER I-94 & EB</u> | |
| | <u>RAMP), SIGNAL REPLACEMENT REPAIR,</u> | |
| | ADA IMPROVEMENTS (TIE TO 6282-224) | |
| Miles | 3.1 | 0.10 |
| Program | Bridge Improvement and Repair | Bridge Improvement and Repair |
| Type of Work | Bridge Repair | Bridge Repair |
| Proposed Funds | NHPP and BFP | NHPP |
| Total \$ | 25,365,000-<u>23,758,000</u> | 2,304,000 |
| FHWA \$ | 22,828,500 <u>21,382,200</u> | 1,716,300 |
| State \$ | 2,536,500 | 190,700 |
| Other \$ | NA | 397,000 |

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This amendment is needed to drop tied SP 6282-224, combine the scope with a slight scope change into SP 6282-216, remove the local funds and reduce the total project cost.

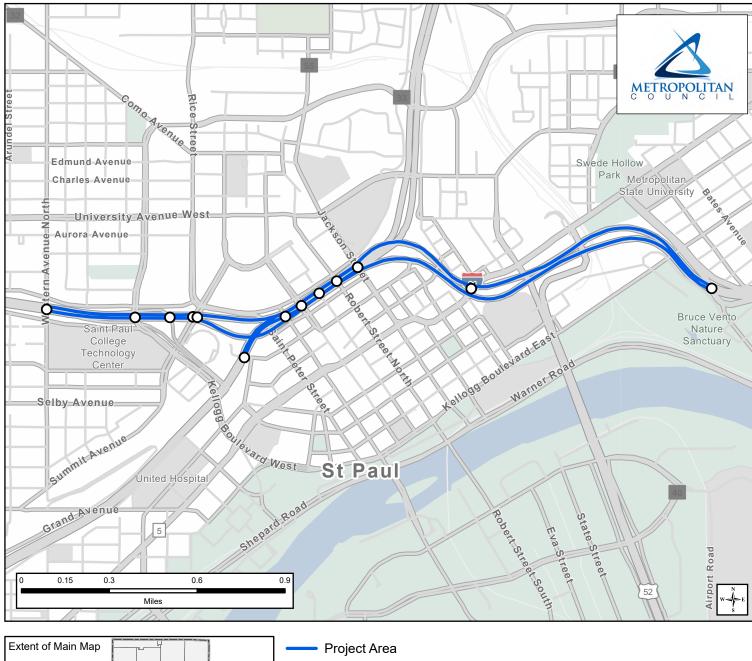
Fiscal Constraint (as required by 23 CFR 450.216)

The total project cost decreased by \$3,911,000 from \$27,669,000 to \$23,758,000. No additional federal funds are needed 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.

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Bridge Locations



Source: Metropolitan Council, MetroGIS, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA, USFWS