

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: October 15, 2025

Date: October 6, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2025-29

2026-2029 Streamlined TIP Amendment Request – Reconnect Rondo’s Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program planning grant

To: Transportation Advisory Board
From: Technical Advisory Committee
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Requested action

Reconnect Rondo requests that its Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program planning grant be added to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

Recommended motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2026-2029 TIP to add Reconnect Rondo’s Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program planning grant.

Background and purpose

Reconnect Rondo, a 501(c)(3) organization based in Saint Paul’s Rondo neighborhood, received a \$2,000,000 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program planning grant from the USDOT in January 2025. These funds are to conduct National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review and related activities for a highway cover over Interstate 94 approximately between Lexington Avenue and Dale Avenue in Saint Paul.

Reconnect Rondo requests an amendment to the 2026-2029 TIP to add this new project (SP# 8825-1407).

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 and local 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 February 12, 2025. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB’s and the Council’s regular meetings.

Committee Comments and Action

At its October 1, 2025, meeting the Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend approval

of the amendment with 28 ayes and 2 abstentions. Molly McCartney, MnDOT Metro District, noted that MnDOT would abstain from the vote to maintain neutrality.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Date Scheduled)
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and recommend	October 1, 2025
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and recommend	<i>October 15, 2025</i>
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review and recommend	<i>October 27, 2025</i>
Metropolitan Council	Review and adopt	<i>November 12, 2025</i>



2026-2029 TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST

Please amend the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the below project:

Project identification

Seq #	TBD
State Fiscal Year (State)	2026
ATP and District	Metro
Route System	N/A
Project Number (S.P. #)	8825-1407
Agency	Reconnect Rondo 501 (c)(3)
Description	RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT TO CONDUCT NEPA AND RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR A HIGHWAY COVER OVER I94 FROM APPROXIMATELY LEXINGTON AVE TO DALE AVE
Miles	N/A
Program	Planning
Type of Work	NEPA
Proposed Funds	RCP (USDOT)
Total \$	\$2,500,000
FHWA \$	\$2,000,000
COC BONDS	\$356,100
AC	\$143,900

Background and TIP Amendment Need

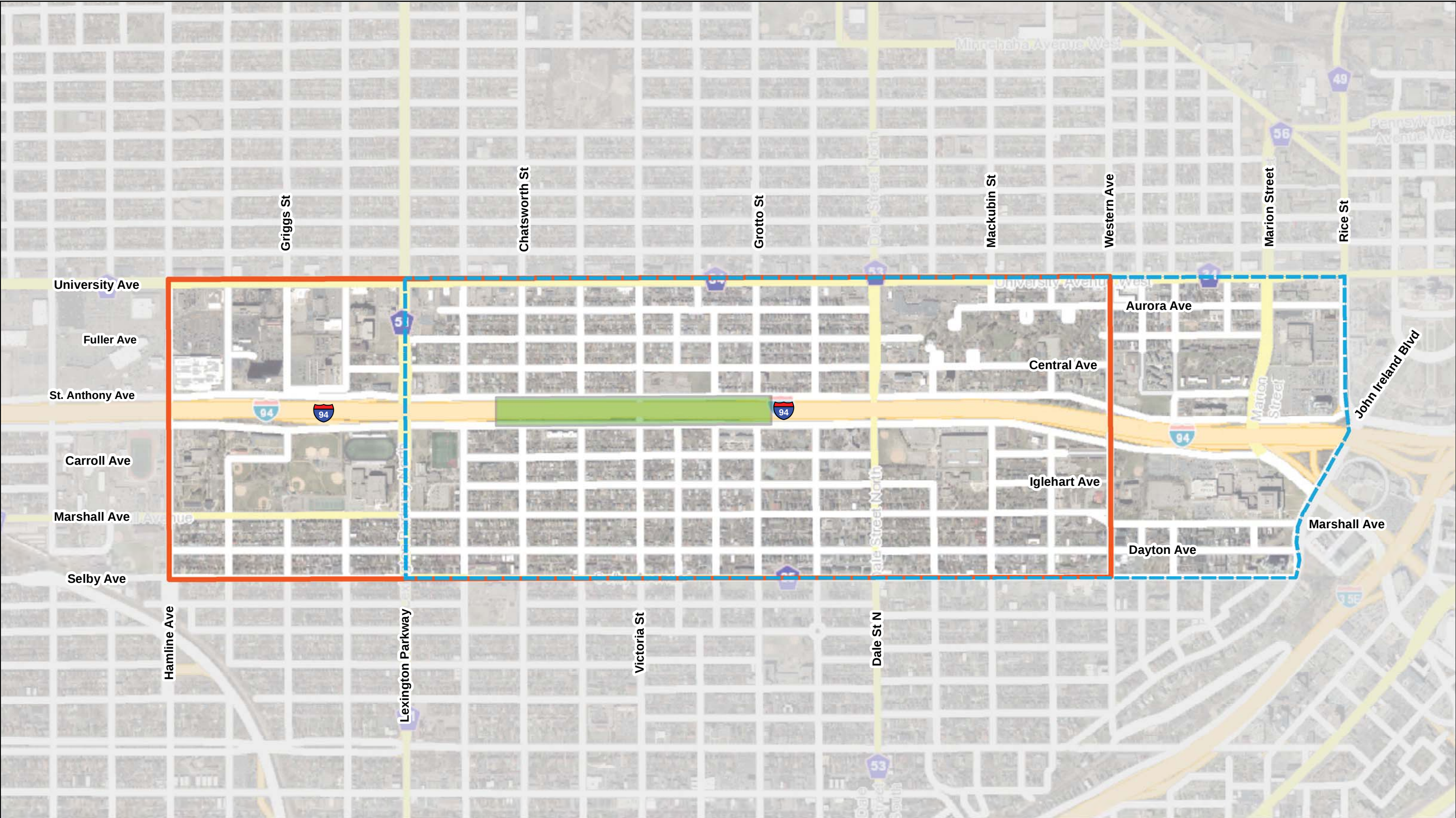
This amendment is needed to add a new 2026 project in the 2026-2029 TIP.

Fiscal Constraint (as required by 23 CFR 450.216)

This project was awarded Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program funds matched by state and other funds. 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 February 12, 2025.



ReConnectRondo Land Bridge Feasibility Study



Legend

-  March 2018 ULI Panel Report Study Area
-  Land Bridge Focus Area (per ULI Panel Report, March 2018)
-  Study Area-RCR Land Bridge Feasibility Study



0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 Miles

Study Area