

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2012-39

**DATE:** November 1, 2012  
**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Re-programming federal earmarked funds from the Midtown Greenway  
**MOTION:** Recommend that the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2012-2015 or the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP# 027-070-006, \$14,735 for a Midtown Greenway Corridor Bridge Study from France Ave to the Mississippi River Bridge

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** In 2006, the Midtown Greenway in Minneapolis received a \$1,485,000 federal earmark. Most of the funds were used to rehabilitate three bridges over the Greenway. All but \$14,735 of the original earmark was obligated on the three bridge projects, which are now complete.

On August 17, 2012, the federal government announced the immediate release of earmark funds from federal fiscal year 2003-2006 appropriations acts. This release authorized the states, subject to FHWA review, to reallocate unobligated earmark funding from these federal fiscal years. These funds are available to be reprogrammed on other Title 23 and Title 49 eligible projects. If these released funds are not obligated before December 31, 2012, the remaining federal funds will be redistributed to states that met the December 31, 2012, deadline.

The original appropriation recipient, Hennepin County, has worked with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to develop a means by which the appropriation may be obligated by December 31, 2012. The federal funds from the Midtown Greenway appropriation will be re-programmed for the Midtown Greenway Bridge Study and combined with local funding to evaluate the structural condition and historical context of 27 bridges over and adjacent to the greenway corridor in Minneapolis.

Because the 2013-2016 TIP has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and is awaiting federal approval, the motion is to amend either the 2012-2015 or the 2013-2016 TIP based on which one is in effect at the time this amendment proceeds.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and 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 adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	October 18, 2012
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	