

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2014-02

DATE: December 20, 2013
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
SUBJECT: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for Western Avenue Streetscaping in Saint Paul
REQUESTED ACTION: The City of Saint Paul requests an amendment to modify the project budget by increasing the local amount by \$825,000 to a new local total of \$1,210,000 and a project total of \$2,250,000. The project number will also be corrected to SP# 164-214-016.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the project budget by increasing the local amount by \$825,000 to a new local total of \$1,210,000 and a project total of \$2,250,000. The project number will also be corrected to SP# 164-214-016.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The City of Saint Paul received \$1,040,000 in federal Transportation Enhancements (now Alternatives) funds in the 2009 solicitation for streetscaping and lighting on Western Avenue. Due to increased total project cost from greater than anticipated sidewalk deterioration and storm water management requirements, the amendment is necessary to update the increased total project cost.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved TIP 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.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the additional local funding, together with the federal funds, is sufficient to fully fund the project. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project was exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Public input opportunities for this amendment are provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

ROUTING

| TO | ACTION REQUESTED | DATE COMPLETED |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| TAC Funding & Programming Committee | Review & Recommend | December 19, 2013 |
| Technical Advisory Committee | Review & Recommend | |
| Transportation Advisory Board | Review & Adopt | |
| Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee | Concurrence | |
| Metropolitan Council | Concurrence | |

November 12, 2013

Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the cost estimate and correct the project number on a project in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

| SEQ # | STATE FISCAL YEAR | A T P | DI S T | ROUTE SYS | PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available) | AGENCY | DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable) | MILES |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---|---------------|--|--------------|
| 1510 | 2014 | M | M | CITY | 164-214-016 | ST PAUL | ON WESTERN AVE FROM ST ANTHONY TO UNIV & FROM CONCORDIA TO SELBY-STREETScape, LIGHTING | 1.0 mi |

| PROG | TYPE OF WORK | PROP FUNDS | TOTAL \$ | FHWA \$ | AC \$ | FTA \$ | TH \$ | OTHER \$ |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| EN | APPURTENANCES | TAP | \$2,250,000 | \$1,040,000 | | | | \$1,210,000 (CITY OF ST PAUL) |

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. This amendment is needed to update the cost estimate and correct the project number on a project in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014.

The total project cost used in the original funding application for SP 164-213-007 and subsequently included in the 2014-2017 STIP is \$1,425,000. Since the application was submitted the total project cost has increased to \$2,250,000 due to the following factors:

- Computation error in the original funding application;
- Greater than anticipated sidewalk deterioration discovered;
- Sidewalks and ramps must meet ADA standards;
- Additional storm water management necessitated by requirements for projects located in a watershed.

Additionally, the original project number, 164-213-007, was assigned using an incorrect route number and as a result has been changed to 164-214-016.

There has been no change to the project's scope as a result of the above described adjustments.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money _____
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint _____
- Other X*

*SP 164-213-007 (Seq # 1510; new SP is 164-214-016) is currently programmed in SFY 2014 of the 2014-2017 STIP for a total of \$1,425,000 with \$1,040,000 in federal funds and \$385,000 in local funds. The new project cost is \$2,250,000, with \$1,040,000 in federal funds and \$1,210,000 in local funds.

Local funds will be used to cover the increase in cost. The \$1,210,000 in federal funds currently programmed in SFY 2014 have not changed and when combined with \$1,210,000 in local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project, 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 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination_____
- Exempt from regional level analysis....._____
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)....._____

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and determined the project is exempt from regional analysis (S-18 Lighting Improvements).

Sincerely,

John Maczko
City of St. Paul

cc: Cindy Krumsieg, MnDOT Metro Program Management
Dan Erickson, MnDOT Metro State Aid
Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council