

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2014-23

DATE: February 21, 2014
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 Crystal Lake Regional Trail
REQUESTED ACTION: Three Rivers Park District requests an amendment to modify the budget and scope for the Crystal Lake Regional Trail in 2014.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 TIP to modify the project scope and budget for SP# 091-090-075, the Crystal Lake Regional Trail.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Three Rivers Park District was awarded federal funding in the 2009 regional solicitation for this project. This amendment request is contingent on the approval of a separate request for scope change. The amendment modifies the project description, eliminating “BRS, shelters” from the scope and including “boardwalk, trailhead.” The amendment also reduces the amount of federal funding from \$2,163,200 to \$1,840,000 and increases the local amount from \$540,800 to \$760,000.

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 local and federal funds are 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	February 20, 2014
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

February 10, 2014

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 include changes in project scope and project cost for SP 091-090-075 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DIST	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
1496	2014	M	M	PED/BIKE	091-090-075	Three Rivers Park District	Construct Crystal Lake Regional Trail from Minneapolis Grand Rounds Trail Network to the Twin Cities Regional Trail Network in Robbinsdale, Boardwalk, Trailhead, Kiosks	2.4

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PRO P FUN DS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FT A \$	TH \$	OTHER \$	AQ
BT	PEDESTRIAN BIKE TRAIL	STP	\$2,600,000	\$1,840,000				\$760,000 (Three Rivers Park District)	

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Three Rivers Park District was awarded federal funding in the 2009 Regional Solicitation for development of the Crystal Lake Regional Trail - Robbinsdale Segment. Subsequent to being awarded the federal funds additional planning efforts (a master plan for the development of Crystal Lake Regional Trail from Minneapolis to Elm Creek Park Reserve in Maple Grove) resulted in changes to the trail's alignment to reduce private property impacts and to improve road crossing treatments. Additionally, a local trail connection was added to the project to connect the Robbinsdale Segment to previously constructed segments of Crystal Lake Regional Trail. This amendment is needed to document the changes in scope and adjust the project's cost. The revised project scope is consistent with the benefits of the originally proposed project.

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*

*The federal funds of \$1,840,000 required for the revised project scope are less than what was originally programmed and when combined with \$760,000 in local funds provided by the Three Rivers Park District 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..... x
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)....._____

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project was exempt from air quality conformity analysis [reason AQ-2 for bicycle and pedestrian facilities].

Sincerely,

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT
Alex Meyer
Landscape Architect/Project Manager

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