

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2014-41

DATE: May 28, 2014

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for I-94 westbound exit ramp to 5th St S in Minneapolis

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to add the I-94 westbound exit ramp to 5th St S project in 2015 (SP#2781-462).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 to add the I-94 westbound exit ramp to 5th St S project in 2015 (SP#2781-462) with \$6,790,000 in TED funds and \$3,000,000 in local funds for a total cost of \$9,790,000; this motion is contingent on a positive finding from the joint Metropolitan Council/MnDOT Interchange Review Committee before the TAB meeting.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This project is one of five projects to receive SFY 2014 Transportation Economic Development (TED) funding from the state. The project will construct a new 15th Avenue bridge that will replace the 5th St ramp connection to I-94. A third lane will be added with restriping on 7th Street for traffic from this ramp.

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 state and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The joint Metropolitan Council/MnDOT Interchange Review Committee is reviewing this amendment. With a positive finding from this review committee before the TAB meeting, the amendment will be 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 identified the project as an A20 regionally-significant project as part of its conformity analysis for the 2014-2017 TIP, which is attached. The analysis in the attachment has resulted in a Conformity Determination that the projects included in the 2014-2017 TIP meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests. The 2014-2017 TIP conforms to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality. Public input opportunities for this amendment are provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its May 15, 2014, meeting, the Funding and Programming Committee unanimously approved the recommendation with the condition of the change receiving a positive finding from the joint Metropolitan Council/MnDOT Interchange Review Committee before the TAB meeting. Committee discussion included transit accommodations in the project. The city has been working with Metro Transit on possibilities.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 15, 2014
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	