

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2014-42

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-494 in Plymouth between I-394 and I-94

REQUESTED ACTION: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) requests an amendment to modify the budget and scope for I-494 in Plymouth between I-394 and I-94 (SP# 2785-330) in 2015.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 TIP to modify the project scope and budget for I-494 in Plymouth between I-394 and I-94 (SP# 2785-330) in 2015 for the purpose of release for a public comment period. The total project cost is \$86,030,000, and the project scope includes a general purpose lane between Hwy 55 and I-94/I-694, an auxiliary lane between Hwy 55 and Co Rd. 6, auxiliary lane from I-394 to Carlson Pkwy, bridge replacements, pavement resurfacing and reconstruction, lighting, signal revisions.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This project is currently programmed in the 2014-2017 TIP. This project has been rescoped and will no longer include a right side dynamic shoulder. Instead, a general purpose lane will be constructed from TH 55 to the I94/I494/I694 interchange. The widening and redeck work on six bridges is now changed to replacement of the same six bridges. Additional auxiliary lane operational improvements between I-394 and TH 55 are also added to the project scope. The budget increases by \$24,430,000 to a new total cost of \$86,030,000 in this amendment due to the scope changes.

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 federal, state, and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. After the adoption of a relation Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) amendment, this TIP 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. Approval of this TIP amendment must be contingent on the approval of the TPP amendment. 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, in addition to a public comment period for this amendment due to the project's regional significance in adding highway capacity. The public comment report and final amendment will be presented for approval at a future TAB meeting.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its May 15, 2014, meeting, the Funding and Programming Committee unanimously approved this recommendation.

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	
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