

## **ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2015-13**

**DATE:** February 20, 2015  
**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
**PREPARED BY:** Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)  
**SUBJECT:** Scope Change Request for City of Minneapolis Transportation Enhancement Project

**REQUESTED ACTION:** The City of Minneapolis requests a scope change to modify the scope of its Transportation Enhancement-funded project (SP # 141-030-022) in 2016 to remove some project elements, add other project elements, and expand the project area.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Recommend approval of the request to modify the scope for the Transportation Enhancement-funded project (SP # 141-030-022) in 2016 to remove some project elements, add other project elements, and expand the project area.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** The City of Minneapolis received \$1,120,000 in Surface Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding for improvements on 7<sup>th</sup> Street South and 8<sup>th</sup> Street South from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North to Chicago Avenue and on 6<sup>th</sup> Street South and 9<sup>th</sup> Street South from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North to Second Avenue South for FY 2016.

The city is requesting a scope change that would involve the elimination and addition of several improvements. The following elements would be removed:

- Pedestrian ramps – Park Avenue intersections at 8th Street S and 7th Street S
- Pedestrian ramps – Portland Avenue intersections at 8th Street S and 7th Street S
- Countdown timers and crosswalk markings – 8th Street S intersections at Park Avenue and Portland Avenue
- Pedestrian ramps, countdown timers and crosswalk markings – 8th Street S intersections at LaSalle Avenue, 3rd Avenue S, 4th Avenue S, 5th Avenue S and Chicago Avenue
- Pedestrian ramps, countdown timers and crosswalk markings – 9th Street S/LaSalle Avenue
- Landscaping and lighting – 8th Street S between Hennepin Avenue and 2nd Avenue S

The following elements would be added:

- Pedestrian ramps, countdown timers and crosswalk markings – 6th Street S intersections at 3rd Avenue S, 4th Avenue S, 5th Avenue S, and Portland Avenue

- Pedestrian ramps, countdown timers and crosswalk markings – 9th Street S intersections at 3rd Avenue S, 4th Avenue S, and 5th Avenue S
- Countdown timers and crosswalk markings – 9th Street S intersections at Portland Avenue, Park Avenue and Chicago Avenue
- Countdown timers and crosswalk markings – 6th Street S intersections at Park Avenue and Chicago Avenue
- Lighting – 6th Street S, 7th Street S and 9th Street S between Marquette Avenue and 2nd Avenue

Most of the above removals are the result of the implementation or planned implementation of other improvements in the project area. These improvements include Portland Avenue and Park Avenue pedestrian ramp projects and the future reconstruction of 8<sup>th</sup> Street South from Hennepin Avenue to Chicago Avenue. Because of the removed elements, the City would like to expand the project area to accommodate similar efforts along the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street South Corridors.

See the attached materials for tabular summary and map views of removed and added projects.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Projects that receive funding through the regional solicitation process are subject to the regional scope change policy. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the project is designed and constructed according to the plans and intent described in the original application. Additionally, federal rules require that any federally-funded project scope change must go through a formal review and TIP amendment process if the project description or total project cost changes substantially. The scope change policy and process allow project sponsors to make adjustments to their projects as needed while still providing substantially the same benefits described in their original project applications.

A TIP amendment is not needed because the changes, if approved, will be incorporated into the new 2016-2019 TIP. The project will not be authorized prior to approval of that TIP.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Staff reviewed the submitted scope change request. The project originally scored 769 points and was ranked ninth out of 50 projects that applied in the Transportation Enhancements. Staff review, which included sharing the proposed update with some of the scorers from the 2011 solicitation, examined whether the updated project would have scored well enough to be funded. The “Impact” category was judged by the scorers to be improved by five points while “relationship to multimodal development was judged to have improved by 18 points.

Based on the information provided by the City and the input of the original scorers, staff recommends approval of the requested scope change.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION:** At its February 19, 2015, meeting, the Funding and Programming Committee unanimously recommended approval of this scope change request.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	2/19/2015
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	