

Information Item

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TO: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
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SUBJECT: TIP Amendment Streamlining Statistics

On April 16, 2014, TAB adopted the streamlined TIP amendment process. The purpose of the process is to reduce the amount of time necessary to approve routine TIP amendments.

The below criteria show when an amendment is eligible for streamlining:

Any project that meets all of these criteria:

- 1) The federal funding for the project is from a program not administered by the Transportation Advisory Board and the Metropolitan Council.
- 2) The project is consistent with the adopted Transportation Policy Plan.
- 3) The project is not a regionally-significant project* or is a regionally-significant project currently in the TIP but is not changing the scope or any other elements that would potentially change the air quality conformity determination.

OR

For projects funded through the Transportation Advisory Board and the Metropolitan Council, any project that meets these criteria as well as criteria 2 and 3 above:

- 4) The project does not relate to a scope change before the committee.
- 5) The project changes do not relate to solicitation scoring based on cost effectiveness.

Staff intends to provide a quarterly streamlined amendment update. This update summarizes the first year, by quarter, of the streamlined amendment process. Future updates will be provided quarter-by-quarter.

The attached update shows that, to date, roughly two thirds of TIP amendments have been streamlined since the process was enacted. Streamlined TIP amendments average 11 days between their first meeting appearance (TAB) and Council concurrence, while non-regionally-significant standard amendments average 59 days between their first meeting appearance (Funding & Programming) and Council concurrence.