

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2016-19

DATE: January 25, 2016
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
TO: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)
SUBJECT: Scope Change Request for City of Minneapolis 35th and 36th Streets Overhead Signal Additions (HSIP)
REQUESTED ACTION: The City of Minneapolis requests a scope change to its HSIP-funded intersection signal project (SP # 141-030-023) to eliminate four of the 16 intersections from the project.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That TAC recommend to TAB approval of the requested scope change with no reduction in federal funds.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The City of Minneapolis was awarded \$1,209,600 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding in 2011 for addition of overhead signals along 35th and 36th Streets in South Minneapolis. The improvements, at 16 intersections between Blaisdell Avenue South and Park Avenue South, are scheduled for fiscal year 2016.

The City of Minneapolis is requesting that four of the 16 intersections be removed from the project, as these locations overlap with another project scheduled for construction in 2017. While the number of intersections being improved decreases, the City has estimated an increased project cost due to the addition of new ADA curb ramps and related signal revisions meant to accommodate the ramps. The four locations to be removed are:

- 35th St / Stevens Ave
- 35th St / 2nd Ave
- 36th St / Stevens Ave
- 36th St / 2nd Ave

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. MnDOT Metro District manages the region's HSIP solicitation on behalf of TAB and the Metropolitan Council.

A TIP amendment request accompanies this request.

STAFF ANALYSIS: MnDOT staff reviewed the original project and scoring. The project would still have been selected in that HSIP round without the four intersections proposed for removal.

The City of Minneapolis, based on the additional elements it is adding to the 12 remaining intersections, requests that no reduction be made to the federal funding award amount. Assuming the scope change is approved, options for funding include:

1. Providing all federal funding as originally programmed.
2. Subjecting the City to a proportionate reduction in funds. In its application for scope change, the City states that \$70,000, or 5.21% of the project, was budgeted to the four intersections. A 5.21% reduction in federal funding would be \$63,000, bringing the federal total to \$1,146,600

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its January 21, 2016, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommended approval of the scope change request with no reduction in federal funds.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	1/21/2016
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	