

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Information Item

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

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.

The attached update shows that three of the seven amendments to the 2016-2019 TIP that started in calendar year 2015 were streamlined. The three streamlined TIP amendments average 21 days between their first meeting appearance (TAB) and Council concurrence, while non-regionally-significant standard amendments average 74 days between their first meeting appearance (Funding & Programming) and Council concurrence. The one regionally significant amendment took 274 days due to a required public comment period.

Three of the four standard amendments were not streamlined because they were connected to scope changes that have to start at the Funding & Programming Committee, rendering streamlining not viable. Similarly, the fourth standard amendment was connected to a defederalization request that started at the Funding & Programming Committee.

QUARTERLY STREAMLINED TIP AMENDMENT REPORT

2016-2019 TIP Amendment Streamlining Statistics

All 2016-2019 TIP amendments to date

- Total Amendments: 7
 - Streamlined: 3
 - Standard(regionally significant): 1
 - Standard (not regionally significant): 3
- Average Time From First Public Meeting Appearance to Council Concurrence:
 - Streamlined: 21 days
 - Standard(regionally significant): 276 days¹
 - Standard (not regionally significant): 74 days

2014-2017 and 2015-2018 TIP Amendment Streamlining Statistics

(Note: Does not include cancelled or defeated amendments)

- Total Amendments: 25
 - Streamlined: 17
 - Standard (regional significant): 1
 - Standard (not regionally significant): 7
- Average Time From First Public Meeting Appearance to Council Concurrence:
 - Streamlined: 11 days
 - Standard (regionally significant): 118 days¹
 - Standard (not regionally significant): 57 days

¹ Regionally significant projects require a public comment period