

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2019-15

DATE: February 21, 2019

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)

SUBJECT: 2019-2022 TIP Amendment Request: US 212 Reduced Conflict Intersection

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the scope and cost of its US 212 reduced conflict intersection project (SP # 1013-90 and 1013-90S)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Transportation Advisory Board approval of an amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the scope and cost of MnDOT's US 212 reduced conflict intersection project (SP # 1013-90 and 1013-90S)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to revise the project scope and total project cost. The project scope has been revised to add a reduced conflict intersection at US 212 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 36 instead of an access closure. The total project cost is currently programmed in the 2019-2022 TIP/STIP for \$1,141,000. The revised total project cost is \$1,949,000 an increase of \$808,000.

This project was awarded funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) in the 2014 solicitation conducted by MnDOT. In April of 2018, TAB approved a scope change to eliminate one of the two reduced conflict intersections (RCIs). Following public comment, MnDOT is reverting to the original scope and this TIP amendment is needed to reflect that change.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be 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 and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on October 24, 2018, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 13, 2018. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. The 2019-2022 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 Transportation Advisory Board's (TAB's) and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its February 21, 2019, meeting, the Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of an amendment to the 2019-2022 TIP to change the scope and cost of MnDOT's US 212 reduced conflict intersection project.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	2-21-2019
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Concur	