

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2019-32

DATE: June 24, 2019

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: TAC Funding & Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: Hennepin County CSAH 81 Bridge Replacement

REQUESTED ACTION: Hennepin County requests an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add to the project scope and cost for its CSAH 81 bridge replacement project (SP 027-681-038).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to TAB approval of an amendment to the 2020-2023 TIP to add to the project scope and cost for Hennepin County's CSAH 81 bridge replacement project (SP 027-681-038).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This TIP amendment is needed to increase the project's scope and total cost. The increased scope will add the replacement of a third bridge (on-ramp from Lowry Ave to northbound CSAH 81, #27006), which is immediately adjacent to northbound and southbound CSAH 81 (#27007 & #27008). The amendment will also relocate trail connections within the project limits and reconfigure the intersection of Theodore Wirth Parkway/Victory Memorial Parkway/Oakdale Ave/Lowry Ave that is under the three structures. The expanded scope results in a cost increase of \$2,250,000, all of which will be provided by Hennepin County.

The project was funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds (and local match) as part of the 2016 Regional Solicitation.

The 2020-2023 TIP is scheduled to be approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 25, after which time it will be provided to MnDOT and then in federal review. Should this amendment be approved by the Metropolitan Council prior to federal approval of the 2020-2023 TIP, it will not be official until after that approval is granted.

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 local 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 April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May

9, 2019. Approval of this TIP amendment must be contingent on the approval of the accompanying scope change and approval of the 2020-2023 TIP by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) during the fall of 2019. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. The 2020-2023 TIP will conform 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 TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its June 20, 2019, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of Hennepin County's requested amendment to 2020-2023 TIP to add to the project scope and cost for Hennepin County's CSAH 81 bridge replacement project.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	6-20-2019
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Concur	

Please amend the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2020. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	A	D	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	Agency	Description include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	Miles
	2021 2020	M	M	CSAH 81	027-681-038	Hennepin County	CSAH 81 over Lowry Ave in Mpls and Robbinsdale – Reconstruction, replace Bridges 27006, 27007 and 27008, and multiuse trail (AC project, payback in FY21)	0.15

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	Bond \$	TH \$	Other \$
BR	Bridge Replacement	STBG	\$15,650,00 \$17,900,000		\$7,000,000			\$8,650,000 \$10,900,000

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous TIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

This amendment is needed to increase total project cost and increase the project scope. The increased scope will add the replacement of bridge 27006, which is immediately adjacent to 27007 & 27008 and connects west bound Lowry Ave to north bound CSAH 81. The amendment will also relocate trail connections within the project limits and reconfigure the intersection of Theodore Wirth Parkway/Victory Memorial Parkway/Oakdale Ave/Lowry Ave that is under the three structures.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money
 - Anticipated Advance Construction
 - ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
 - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
 - Other✓
- ✓ The additional costs are being funded by Hennepin County. Federal funding remains unchanged.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)✓

✓ Exempt Project Category S-19. Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes) per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

