

ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2020-13

DATE: February 21, 2020

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: MnDOT Districtwide Pavement Marking and Cat-Tracks Projects Set-a-Side

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a districtwide set-a-side for pavement marking and cat-tracks projects.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that TAB recommend the Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a districtwide set-a-side for pavement marking and cat-tracks projects.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to reflect MnDOT’s addition of a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding set-a-side in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for each MnDOT district. The set-a-side funding will be used for pavement marking and cat-track¹ projects within the metropolitan area district.

The request is eligible for streamlining. The project is funded by statewide HSIP funds not awarded through the Regional Solicitation process.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be funded with federal funds 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 recommend TIP amendments to the Council for adoption.

The Streamlined TIP Amendment Process allows projects that meet certain conditions to be streamlined, which entails forgoing TAC Funding & Programming Committee review and results in saving a month of process time.

STAFF ANALYSIS: This project meets the standards to streamline a TIP amendment in that it is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, is not regionally significant, and does not relate to a formal project scope change.

This TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on October 24, 2018, as amended on April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019. The Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt for air quality

¹ “Cat-tracks” are the dotted lines used as intersection extension lines.

conformity analysis. Public input opportunity for these amendments is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	

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:

State Fiscal Year	ATP/Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description	Miles
2020	M	District-wide	8825-823	MnDOT	Districtwide- Enhanced pavement marking and cat-tracks	0.0

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$
SH	Striping	HSIP 164	1,000,000	1,000,000

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 add Sec 164 HSIP project in SFY 2020.

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 X

*Section 164 HSIP funds are above and beyond Metro District’s federal regular target formula funds. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained

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 X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt Project Category S-6. Safety Improvement Program per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments: Streamlined Process

Adopted by TAB: February 19, 2020

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS: STREAMLINED PROCESS

Conditions for Using a Streamlined Amendment Process

A TIP amendment request can be streamlined if it meets all of these criteria:

- 1) The project is consistent with the adopted Transportation Policy Plan.
- 2) The project is not a regionally significant project* (as defined in the adopted Transportation Policy Plan) or is a regionally significant project currently in the TIP but is not changing in any way that will impact the regional significance of the project.
- 3) The project does not relate to a formal scope change (per the Transportation Advisory Board's Scope Change Policy) before the committee.

Process

For projects in the PM10 maintenance area, the Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee will, in its review of the project for air quality conformity determination; any amendments involving changes unable to be exempted from an air quality conformity determination will be deemed regionally significant. If the project meets the three criteria described above, Metropolitan Council staff prepares an action item for Transportation Advisory Committee (skipping TAC Funding and Programming Committee). The item will be discussed at the TAC Executive Committee prior to TAC. If approved by TAC, the action item will be placed on the consent agenda for TAB, Transportation Committee, and the Metropolitan Council. Information about streamlined amendments shall be presented as information to the Funding and Programming Committee.