

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2020-23

DATE: April 29, 2020

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: Metrowide Replacement of Dynamic Message Signs

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to amend the scope of its Metrowide replacement of dynamic message signs. (SP # 8825-612).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to amend the scope of MnDOT’s replacement of dynamic message signs. (SP # 8825-612).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to remove the shelter replacement element from the project replacing dynamic message signs throughout MnDOT’s Metro District.

This study is funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds that are programmed by MnDOT.

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 per these requirements.

STAFF ANALYSIS: This TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and local 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 Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB’s and Council’s regular meetings.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
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 2021. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	Miles
2021	M	999	8825-612	MnDOT	Metrowide - Replace shelters and dynamic message signs	N/A

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	TH \$
TM	Traffic Management	STBGP	925,000	740,000	185,000

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 remove the shelters from the project.

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 total project cost remains the same. 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 October 24, 2018, as amended 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 O-8. Directional or informational signs per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.