

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2021-40

DATE: September 29, 2021

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request: Addition of Two Projects

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIPs to add two projects: Orange Line Small Start Grant Agreement (SSGA) apportionment (TRF-TCMT-22B) and a retaining wall on MN 156 (6219-09).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment the 2022-2025 TIP to add two projects (SP# TRF-TCMT-22B and 6219-09).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: MnDOT provides two requested new projects. These are:

1. A new project for the apportionment of the Orange Line Small Start Grant Agreement (SSGA) (SP # TRF-TCMT-22B). This is an FTA-funded project and there is no Regional Solicitation funding involved. This project has been authorized in past TIPs and therefore this project did not appear to be needed for inclusion in the TIP. However, because Metro Transit received federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the change needs to be reflected in the TIP. This change would reflect \$11,362,644 in additional federal funding, with the same reduction in local funds.
2. A new project funding a retaining wall near Page Street in St. Paul (SP# 6219-09). This proposed project would be funded through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all TIP amendments 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 four requirements.

The streamlined TIP amendment process allows projects that meet certain conditions to be forgo the TAC Funding & Programming Committee review, resulting in saving a month of process time.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects. This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB's and the Council's regular meetings. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and

Transportation Planning Committee determined that the projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	10/6/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	10/20/2021
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	Undecided*
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	Undecided*

*Following the Transportation Advisory Board, the amendment to the 2020-2025 TIP will not be forwarded to the Transportation Committee until the 2022-2025 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is approved by the USDOT.