

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2021-41**

**DATE:** September 29, 2021

**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP amendment for Ramsey County:  
Lexington Parkway extension

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Ramsey County requests an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program to change a terminus and add a trail and roundabout to the project description of its Lexington Parkway extension (062-651-067).

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program to change a terminus and add a trail and roundabout to the project description of Ramsey County’s Lexington Parkway extension (062-651-067).

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** Ramsey County was awarded \$1,535,420 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds in the 2018 Regional Solicitation. The county requests a small terminus change and a change in intersection type (from signals to roundabout) at Montreal Avenue.

Consulting the Scope Change Policy, MnDOT Metro District State Aid and Council Staff determined that these changes can be made via informal scope change. However, a TIP amendment is still needed. This amendment needs be reflected in the 2022-2025 TIP, which is yet to be approved. The Council will consider the amendment following federal approval of the 2022-2025 TIP.

**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 project. 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 project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED</b>
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	10/6/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend TIP Amendment	10/20/2021
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	*
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	*

\* Following the Transportation Advisory Board, the amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP will still need to be considered by the Transportation Committee and Metropolitan Council following approval of the draft 2022-2025 TIP.