

ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2021-42

DATE: September 29, 2021

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP amendment for MnDOT: MN 3 Trail in Farmington

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program to change the scope of its MN 3 project (SP# 1921-110) to reflect the construction of a trail.

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 the scope of MnDOT's MN 3 project (SP# 1921-110) to reflect the construction of a trail.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed for MnDOT to change the scope from “bridge modifications” to construction of a trail. This is a correction of an errant project description.

This project is entirely funded with state funds.

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 state 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.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
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.