

ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2021-06

DATE: January 27, 2021

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: TAC Funding & Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for St. Louis Park: CSAH 25/Beltline Blvd Pedestrian project

REQUESTED ACTION: St. Louis Park requests an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to reduce the scope and increase the cost of its CSAH 25 Beltline Boulevard Pedestrian project (SP# 163-291-008).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that TAB recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to reduce the scope and increase the cost of St. Louis Park's CSAH 25 Beltline Boulevard Pedestrian project (SP# 163-291-008).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to reflect St. Louis Park's scope change request to remove project elements being constructed by other projects. The amendment request also includes a cost increase. The project was funded through the 2016 Regional Solicitation.

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 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: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and 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 Council's regular meetings. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

This TIP amendment requests reflects the scope change request for the same project (AT 2021-06).

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its January 21, 2021, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee unanimously recommended approval of the TIP amendment request with no reduction in federal funding.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	1/21/2021
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	2/3/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	2/17/2021
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	3/8/2021
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	3/10/2021