

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2021-11**

**DATE:** January 27, 2021

**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT:** 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for Richfield: Railroad Gate Installation

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Richfield requests an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add an additional location and additional cost to its West 77th railroad gates installation (SP# 27-00327).

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add an additional location and additional cost to Richfield's West 77th railroad gates installation (SP# 27-00327).

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This amendment request is necessary to reflect a change in project scope adding a second location (upgrading detection circuitry adjacent to W 76th Street) to Richfield's West 77th Street installation of gates and flashing lights. This additional also includes a cost increase.

The project is funded through the Highway Rail Grade Crossings & Rail Safety program (Part of Section 130, funded by MnDOT's Office of Freight). This program is not funded through the 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 adopt and amend the TIP per these four requirements.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the local and federal 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	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