

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2021-38

DATE: August 25, 2021

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Streamlined 2021-2024 and 2022-2025 TIP amendment for MnDOT: Security Gate for Burns Avenue Overlook

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2021-2024 and 2022-2025 TIPs to add an installment of an automatic gate and associated crime prevention features for night closure the Burns Avenue Overlook in St. Paul (SP # 6220-92).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment the 2021-2024 and 2022-2025 TIPs to add an installment of an automatic gate and associated crime prevention features for night closure the Burns Avenue Overlook in St. Paul (SP # 6220-92).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Using state funding, MnDOT wishes to install an automatic gate and associated crime-prevention features for night closure of the Burns Avenue overlook, located on Burns Avenue just east of US 61 / US 10/.

This project is entirely state-funded and therefore was not funded through the Regional Solicitation.

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 streamlined, which entails forgoing the TAC Funding & Programming Committee review and results 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	9/1/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	9/15/2021
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	10/11/2021*
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	10/13/2021*

*Following the Transportation Advisory Board, the amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP will be forwarded to Transportation Committee. However, the amendment to the 2020-2025 TIP will not be forwarded until the 2022-2025 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is approved by the USDOT.