

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: September 7, 2022

Date: August 31, 2022

Action Transmittal: 2022-32

Program Year Extension Request: MnDOT I-35W Continuous Street Lighting

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: TAC Funding & Programming Committee
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Requested Action

MnDOT requests a program year extension for its I-35 W continuous street lighting project (SP# 1981-147) from fiscal year 2024 to fiscal year 2025.

Recommended Motion

That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that TAB approve MnDOT's I-35 W continuous street lighting project (SP# 1981-147) from fiscal year 2024 to fiscal year 2025.

Summary

MnDOT was awarded \$720,000 in the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation to install continuous lighting on I-35W in Burnsville. MnDOT requests that the project be extended from 2024 to 2025 to line up with another project in the corridor programmed for that year.

Background and Purpose

MnDOT received \$720,000 from the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation to install continuous lighting on I-35W from TH 13 to I-35E in Burnsville. The project was, and remains, programmed for fiscal year 2024. MnDOT is requesting that the project be extended to fiscal year 2025 to align with a pavement project being programmed for the same length of I-35W in 2025.

Relationship to Regional Policy

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopted the Program Year Policy in April 2013 (updated in August 2014) to assist with management and timely delivery of transportation projects awarded federal funding through the TAB's Regional Solicitation. The policy includes a procedure to request a one-year extension based on extenuating circumstances within certain guidelines.

Staff Analysis

Per the Program Year Policy's progress assessment (attached) a minimum score of 7 is needed to be eligible for an extension. MnDOT only scores 2 for this request. However, the reason for that score is because this is more than a year ahead of the typical schedule for a program year extension request. Typically, projects requesting an extension have fallen behind schedule and this

assessment is meant to determine whether the extra year is likely to enable the project to be completed with the granting of an extra year. In this case, MnDOT is aligning two projects in the same year and given the timing, the assessment score is not meaningful. The alignment enables the two projects to occur simultaneously, whereas keeping the project in 2024 could result in some work having to be re-done in 2025, thereby increasing costs.

An extension of the program year does not guarantee federal funding will be available in that year. The project sponsor is responsible for completing the project in the new program year and covering the federal share of the project until federal funding becomes available. At this time the project would be in line for 2026 reimbursement of federal funds, though a 2025 may occur if funding becomes available due to the recent increase in federal funds or if other projects withdraw.

Committee Comments and Action

At its August 18, 2022, meeting the TAC Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of MnDOT’s I-35 W continuous street lighting project from fiscal year 2024 to fiscal year 2025.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	August 18, 2022
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	September 7, 2022
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	September 21, 2022

