

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: August 6, 2025

Date: July 21, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2025-28

Program Year Extension Request – Saint Paul Arlington Avenue Sidewalk Project

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Prepared by: Joe Barbeau, Planning Analyst, 651-602-1705

Requested action

The City of Saint Paul requests a program year extension to move its Arlington Avenue Sidewalk project (164-109-025) from 2026 to 2027.

Recommended motion

That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that TAB approve Saint Paul's Program year extension request to move its Arlington Avenue Sidewalk project from 2026 to 2027.

Project history

This project has not had any scope changes or program year changes.

Background and purpose

The City of Saint Paul was awarded \$920,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds in the Pedestrian Facilities category of the 2022 Regional Solicitation for program year 2026. [The application](#) was awarded to construct new sidewalks on the north side of Arlington Avenue from Westminster St to Arkwright St and on the south side of Arlington Avenue from the Gateway Trail to Westminster St and Desoto St to Edgerton St.

The city requests moving the program year from 2026 to 2027 to align the Arlington Avenue portion of a recently funded street reconstruction project. This is a local initiative programmed after the passage of a local-option sales tax, which occurred after project award.

Relationship to regional policy

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopted the Program Year Policy in April 2013 (last updated in February 2025) 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. The applicant is requesting an exception to the policy to enable the project to be constructed with larger adjacent projects.

Staff analysis

This project is on track to be obligated in fiscal year 2027. This request is not an exception to the one-time, one-year baseline rule established in the Program Year Policy.

Committee comments and action

At its July 17, 2025, meeting, the TAC Funding and Programming Committee voted to recommend that TAC recommend approval of Saint Paul's Program year extension request to move its Arlington Avenue Sidewalk project from 2026 to 2027.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Date Scheduled)
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review and Recommend	July 17, 2025
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and Recommend	<i>August 6, 2025</i>
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and Adopt	<i>August 20, 2025</i>





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June 4, 2025

Mr. Jim Kosluchar
Chair, TAC Funding and Programming Committee Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55101-1805

RE: **Program Year Extension Request for SP 164-109-025**

Dear Mr. Kosluchar,

The City of Saint Paul respectfully requests that the Funding and Programming Committee consider a program year extension for the above referenced project. The project's current program year is 2026 and will construct new sidewalk on portions of the north and south sides of Arlington Avenue from Westminster Street to Edgerton Street.

The City applied for and was awarded \$920,000 STIP funds for program year 2026.

After Metropolitan Council awarded the City these funds, the Saint Paul residents approved a local option sales tax increase to be used for repairs and improvements to streets, among other uses. One of the streets identified in that ballot measure for reconstruction is Arlington Avenue from Jackson Street to Payne Avenue, which includes the segment from Westminster Street to Edgerton Street currently programmed for sidewalk improvements. The street reconstruction project along Arlington Avenue is scheduled for 2027. As such, it would be inefficient to construct the sidewalks in 2026, as they risk being impacted by the 2027 street construction. The City of Saint Paul is thus requesting a program year extension so it can perform the sidewalk construction at the same time as the full street reconstruction. A one-year time extension would allow the City to retain the funding to keep this needed improvement.

We therefore request the Funding and Programming Committee's support for extending the City of Saint Paul's program year to 2027. If additional information is needed, please contact me by email at bryan.graveline@stpaul.gov.

Sincerely,

Bryan Graveline, P.E.
City of Saint Paul

cc: Colleen Brown, MnDOT Federal Aid
Joe Barbeau, Metropolitan Council

PROGRESS SCHEDULE FOR PROGRAM YEAR EXTENSION

Enter request date 6/4/2025

1. Project Background (Project description, federal cost, non-federal cost, current program year, original program year):

This project will construct new sidewalk on the north side of Arlington Avenue from Westminster Street to Arkwright Street and on the south side of Arlington Avenue from the Gateway Trail to Westminster Street and Desoto Street to Edgerton Street. The federal cost is \$920,000 and the non-federal cost is \$230,000. The original and current program year are both 2026.

2. Project Progress; Requests must include an agency's anticipated schedule:
 - Environmental document approval date or anticipated approval date June 2026
 - 100% plan approval date or anticipated approval date January 2027
 - Right-of-way certificate approval date or anticipated approval date January 2027
3. Justification for Extension Request. Please describe the circumstances of this request.

What circumstances have led to the need for an extension? What is unique about this project that requires an extension of the program year?

In November 2023, Saint Paul residents passed a 1% increase to the local option sales tax to be used for repairs and improvements to streets, among other uses. One of the streets identified in that ballot measure for reconstruction is Arlington Avenue, including from Westminster Street to Edgerton Street. That project will be constructed in 2027. The City would like to extend the program year of this sidewalk construction project to coincide with the construction of the sales-tax funded project.

What are the implications if the project does not obtain the requested extension? (e.g., withdraw the project, attempt to complete the project on time)?

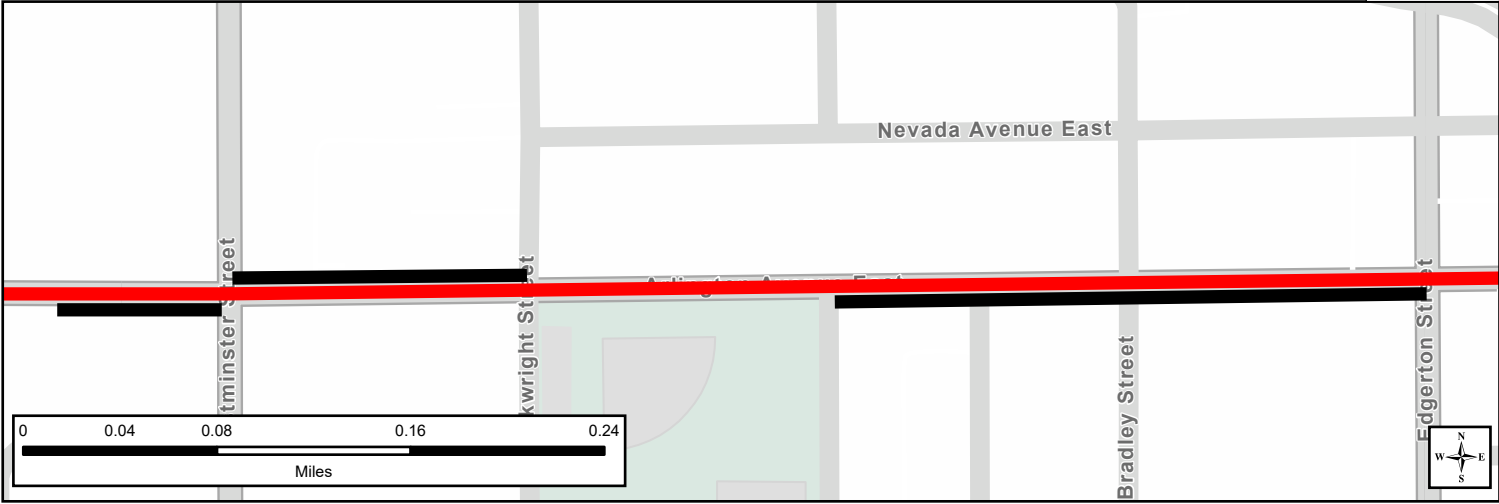
If this project does not obtain the requested extension, we would withdraw the project, since it would be inefficient to construct sidewalks that would be torn out and reconstructed again the following year.

Will delaying the project negatively impact the affected area (e.g., would a longer delay allow for dangerous conditions to persist)? Are there interim steps that can be taken to address the project and mitigate impacts in the interim?

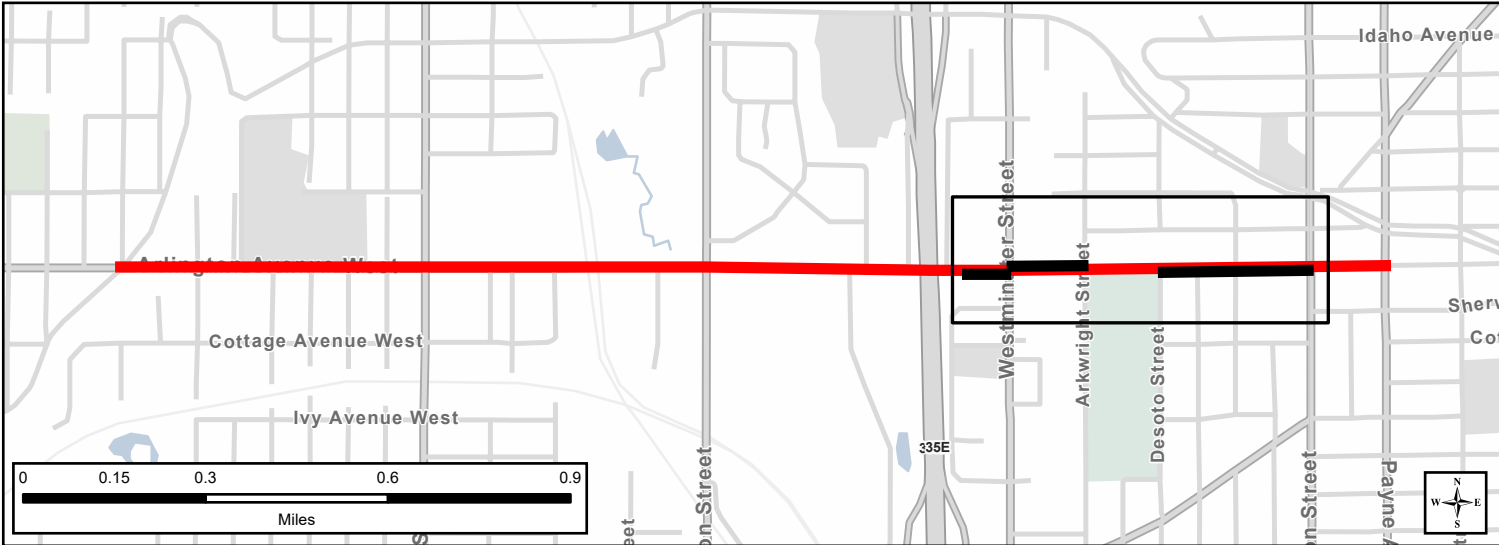
No. The best way to mitigate impacts to the area is to do the entire street reconstruction, including sidewalks, one time, instead of doing a partial construction in 2026 followed by a full reconstruction in 2027.

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Arlington Avenue Sidewalk Project Area - Awarded in 2022 Regional Solicitation in PY 2026



City of Saint Paul Arlington Avenue Reconstruction Project Corridor for PY 2027 (Wheelock Ave to Payne Ave)



Box Block on above map and inset map below to show larger Arlington Ave Reconstruction Project



- Legend**
- █ PY 2027 Arlington Avenue Reconstruction Project
 - █ 2022 Regional Solicitation Sidewalk Project Area