



December 7, 2012

Karl Keel, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 390 Robert Street North  
 St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Amendment to the Minnesota 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: 103-090-003  
 Federal Project Number: TBD

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to address changes in the above referenced project which is currently in SFY 2013 of the TIP. The project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	D I S T	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
1531	2013	M	M	PED/BIKE	103-090-003	City of Anoka	Along Mississippi River from Tungsten St to Ramsey Blvd in Ramsey – Construct Mississippi River Trail	1.9

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
EN	Enhancement	TEA	\$1,158,156	\$387,808	0	0	0	\$770,348 (City of Anoka)

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g. project in previous TIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

Project 103-090-003 (Sequence # 1531) is in SFY 2013 of the 2013-2016 TIP with \$387,808 in federal funds and \$121,679 in local funds for a total project cost of \$509,487

The original project scope contemplated a trail being constructed between Anoka's Mississippi River Community Park and the Mississippi West Regional Park in Ramsey (see attached Location map). Improvements consisted primarily of a 10 ft. wide shared use path, with a short segment of on-road bike lanes. Two pedestrian bridges were included to allow for crossing an oxbow that forms King's Island in Anoka. In addition to the primary trail elements above, additional improvements were included as follows:

1. Plantings for bridge walls
2. Building (vacant shed) removal
3. Earthen dike removal
4. Bike lockers
5. Boulevard trees
6. Development, design and construction of interpretive signs
7. Benches
8. Litter receptacles
9. Shelter, including sewer and water service

During the project development phase of the project, more thorough and detailed cost estimates were prepared for the improvements. Total construction costs increased from \$509,487 (shown in the TE application) to \$1,355,645 (current construction estimate). The updated construction costs are in excess of project funding, leading both Anoka and Ramsey to examine the project scope and determine if cost reductions could be achieved.

After review of the project scope, the cities agreed on the following:

1. The primary goal of the project is to provide a link between Anoka's Mississippi River Community Park and the Mississippi West Regional Park in Ramsey.
2. As part of the scope change request, the City is requesting removal of the additional 9 items listed above, as these improvements could be programmed for future years and completed by local forces.

With removal of the above 9 items, the project total cost has still been increased to \$1,158,156. Federal funds will remain the same at \$387,808 and the local agency cost will increase to \$770,348 of local funds.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money – \_\_\_\_\_  
(Discretionary, Special Allocations or Other New Funding Sources)
- Anticipated Advance Construction \_\_\_\_\_
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment  
of other projects \_\_\_\_\_
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP  
target \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ X\*

\* The City is not requesting any additional federal funds for the project. Local funds will be utilized to cover the increased cost of the project. \$387,808 Federal and \$770,348 local funds are sufficient to fully fund this project, therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009. The amendment is also consistent with the 2030 Policy Plan update adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from regional level analysis\*..... Yes
- Exempt from project level analysis\*..... Yes
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation\*..... \_\_\_\_\_
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

\*Exempt Project Category #AQ2-Bike & Pedestrian Facilities Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.

We are requesting approval of this STIP amendment at this time. We are available to be present at the TAC Funding & Programming Committee scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2012. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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# LOCATION MAP

