

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2013-11

DATE: January 30, 2013

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
Molly McCartney, MnDOT

SUBJECT: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier project on the Great River Road (TH56) in Dakota County

REQUESTED ACTION: Dakota County requests a TIP amendment to add the Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier project on the Great River Road (TH56) using National Scenic Byways federal funds (SP#019-060-010).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add SP#019-060-010, the Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier on the Great River Road with \$450,000 of National Scenic Byways funding and \$430,000 in county funding for a total cost of \$880,000 in 2013.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Dakota County received federal National Scenic Byways funding for this project in fall of 2012. The wayside rest will be located on the Great River Road (TH56) at the Rock Island River Pier on the west bank of the Mississippi River at 66th Street in Inver Grove Heights. The project will construct a four-season restroom, picnic shelter, parking for motor vehicles and bicycles, and trail connections to the national Mississippi River Trail.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially 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 according to these four requirements.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the funds are new to the TIP through a new \$450,000 grant from the National Scenic Byways Program and \$430,000 of county funding. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011. The project is exempt from regional air quality analysis, and public input opportunities are provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its January 17, 2013, meeting, the TAC Funding and Programming Committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend this TIP amendment to the TAB for adoption.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	January 17, 2013
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

Schallberg, Heidi

From: Sullivan, Steve [mailto:Steve.Sullivan@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 12:36 PM
To: Schallberg, Heidi
Cc: Molly.McCartney@state.mn.us; Hartzell, Chris; Blair, Bruce
Subject: FW: Amendment to TIP - State Project Number: 019-060-010

Please see e-letter request below:

January 8, 2013

Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
State Project Number: 019-060-010
Fed project #SB MN12(06), appn L97E

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Twin Cities 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the above reference project in SFY 2013 of the TIP. The project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCALYEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
	2013	M	M	TH 56	019-060-010 Fed project #SB MN12(06), appn L97E	Dakota County	National Scenic Byway-Great River Road (TH56): Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier on the west bank of the Mississippi River at 66 th Street in Inver Grove Heights, MN. Construct four-	0

							season restroom, picnic pavilion, parking and trail connection.	
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PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
	SB		\$880,000	\$450,000	-	-		\$430,000 (County)

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).

An amendment is needed for this project, SP019-060-001, to add the project to SFY 2013 of the TIP. This project was awarded a \$450,000 National Scenic Byways program (NSBP) federal grant in August 2, 2012. This was after the TIP was developed so it was not included in the 2013-2016 STIP.

The National Scenic Byway-Great River Road, designated by the FHA and U.S. Secretary of Transportation, runs adjacent to the Mississippi from Minnesota to Louisiana. This project site is along TH 56 at the Rock Island River Pier on the west bank of the Mississippi River at 66th Street in Inver Grove Heights.

The project will be the construction of a four-season restroom, an outdoor picnic shelter, motor vehicle and bicycle parking for the wayside, bituminous trail connections to the national Mississippi River Trail, driveway improvements, wayfinding on the site, orientation and interpretive information, and monument signage to direct motorists and bicyclists to the wayside. The site will be ADA accessible allowing people with limited mobility opportunities to get close to the river.

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

- New Money (Scenic Byways) X
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment of other projects
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside the ATP target
- Other (indicate source here)

* Defined as additional funds not previously programmed in the TIP.

*These federal funds are newly released grant funds from National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) through enactment of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II. This project was awarded \$450,000 and has a total project cost of \$880,000 including the \$450,000 grant from the NSBP and \$430,000 match from Dakota County. These 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's Transportation Policy Plan, 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* X
- Exempt from project level analysis* X
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation*_____
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)....._____

*Exempt Project Category #S-15 Safety Roadside rest areas per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

*Exempt Project Category #AQ-2 Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-234-7788.

Sincerely,

Steve Sullivan
Director of Parks and Open Space
Dakota County

cc: Brian E Isaacson, MnDOT Metro Program Management
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