

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

DATE: November 14, 2013

TO: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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

SUBJECT: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for St. Croix Boom Site

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests a TIP amendment to add two projects for the St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area in the year 2014 with a total of \$500,000 using federal Public Lands Highway Discretionary funding.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area projects (SP#082-595-001 for planning and preliminary engineering and SP#082-595-002 for rehabilitation and construction) in the year 2014 using \$500,000 in federal Public Lands Highway Discretionary funding.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was awarded a \$500,000 grant through the 2012 Public Lands Highway Discretionary (PLHD) program (which has been eliminated under MAP-21). These funds do not require a local match. MnDOT policy requires that agencies sponsoring and administering federal projects are authorized State Aid Agencies. Because the DNR is not an authorized State Aid Agency, Washington County will sponsor these projects.

The funds will be used for the planning, preliminary engineering, rehabilitation and construction of the St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area. The recreation area is located near the Minnesota/Wisconsin border in Stillwater Township on the eastern boundary of Washington County. TH 95 is just west of the project site and the St. Croix River is to the east.

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 federal funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects. 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 Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined

that the projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Public input opportunities for this amendment are provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

ROUTING

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

November 8, 2013

Karl Keel, Chair
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
 390 Robert Street N.
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2014 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two new projects in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 for a total of \$500,000, all of which are federal funds. The projects are being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	Distri ct	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES	PROG
2014	M	M	Local	082-595-001	Washington County	Planning and Preliminary Engineering for the Restoration and Enhancement of St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area	1 mi	RB
2014	M	M	Local	082-595-002	Washington County	Rehabilitation and Construction of St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area	1 mi	RB

TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$	AQ
Recreation Area	PLHD	\$175,000	\$175,000	0	0	0	0	O-1
Recreation Area	PLHD	\$325,000	\$325,000	0	0	0	0	O-9

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. This amendment is needed to add two new projects, SP 082-595-001 and SP 082-595-002, to SFY 2014 of the 2014-2017 TIP. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was awarded a \$500,000 grant through the 2012 Public Lands Highway Discretionary (PLHD) program (which has been eliminated under MAP-21).

MnDOT policy requires that agencies sponsoring and administering federal projects are authorized State Aid Agencies. Because the DNR is not an authorized State Aid Agency, Washington County will sponsor these projects.

The funds will be used for the Planning, Preliminary Engineering, Rehabilitation and Construction of the St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area. The recreation area is located near the Minnesota/Wisconsin border in Stillwater Township on the eastern boundary of Washington County. TH 95 is just west of the project site and the St. Croix River is to the east.

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

- New Money - PLHD X*
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- Other

* The \$500,000 in PLHD funds are 100% federal funds and no local match is required. Of the \$500,000 awarded, \$175,000 will be used for Planning and Preliminary Engineering (SP 082-595-001) and \$325,000 will be used for Construction and Rehabilitation (SP 082-595-002) of the project site.

These new federal PLHD funds are in addition to funds already programmed in SFY 2014 and are sufficient to fully fund the two projects in this amendment, therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council 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
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area).....

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and determined the projects are exempt from regional analysis as coded in the above table.

Sincerely,

Wayne Sandberg
Washington County Engineer

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