

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2016-53

DATE: October 6, 2016

TO: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment: Three Rivers Park District Regional Trail System Ramps

REQUESTED ACTION: The Three Rivers Park District requests an amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP to reduce the scope of its Regional Trail System Ramps Project (SP # 091-090-081).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That TAC F&P recommend to TAC adoption of an amendment into the 2017-2020 TIP to reduce the scope of the Three Rivers Park District's Regional Trail System Ramps Project (SP # 091-090-081).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This TIP amendment is needed due to a change in scope. The project is programmed for state fiscal year 2017. This amendment would remove the Edina phase of the six-phase project and may, depending on the recommendation on the scope Change, reduce funding.

Due to the timing of the Park District's scope change request, this accompanying TIP amendment will not be able to be reflected in the final 2017-2020 TIP currently in production. Therefore, this amendment is requested to be approved pending approval of the 2017-2020 TIP. The 2017-2020 TIP was approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 28, 2016, and has been provided to MnDOT and will soon be in federal review. Should this amendment be approved by the Metropolitan Council prior to federal approval of the 2017-2020 TIP, it will not be official until after that approval is granted.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be 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 and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015. Approval of this TIP amendment must be contingent on the approval of the accompanying scope change and approval of the 2017-2020 TIP by FHWA during the fall of 2016. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. The analysis has resulted in a conformity determination that the projects included in the 2017-2020 TIP meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests. The 2017-2020 TIP will conform to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality. 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	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Concurrence	

Please amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify these project lines in program year 2017. This 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)
	2017	M	M	PED/BIKE	091-090-081	Three Rivers Park District	Regional Trail System Ramps, on Old Cedar Ave connecting to intercity Regional Trail in Bloomington, on 63 rd Ave connecting to Crystal Lake Regional Trail in Brooklyn Park, on Oaklawn Ave connecting to Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail in Edina , on Fernbrook Ln connecting to Luce Line Regional Trail in Plymouth, on 70th St connecting to Intercity Regional Trail in Richfield, and on Ferndale Rd connecting to Dakota Rail Regional and Luce Line State Trails in Wayzata-Construct ped/bike trail connections

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
EN	Grade and surface	STPBG (TAP)	\$1,272,800	\$935,840				\$336,960

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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

This TIP amendment is required due to the removal of a project element: the ramp on Oaklawn Avenue connecting to Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail in Edina. The 2017-2020 TIP is scheduled to be approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 28, 2016, after which time it will be provided to MnDOT and then in federal review. Should this amendment be approved by the Metropolitan Council prior to federal approval of the 2017-2020 TIP, it will not be official until after that approval is granted.

2. How is fiscal constraint maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money

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

No additional cost is needed for this proposed TIP amendment.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)