

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



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Draft Amendment to the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (Amendment #2) to add two highway projects

To: TAC Planning

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Requested Action

Anoka County and Scott County request that the attached draft amendment to the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan to add two regionally significant highway projects be released for public review and comment.

Recommended Motion

That the TAC Planning Committee recommend to TAC release of the attached draft 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment #2, which adds two regionally significant projects, for public review and comment.

Background and Purpose

The 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) includes a fiscally constrained list of major projects for investment in the region by 2040, known as the Current Revenue Scenario. Projects that add new lanes to a Principal Arterial Highway or construct an interchange are considered regionally significant projects. These projects must be identified as funded in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan in order to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to begin construction.

Highway projects are added to the fiscally constrained TPP when the following criteria are met:

- Documentation is submitted showing how the project can be built with revenue in the fiscally constrained plan (or reasonable proposed additional revenues);
- The proposal is consistent with the goals, objectives, and strategies of the 2040 TPP; and
- Public involvement is conducted.

This amendment adds two regionally significant projects to the 2040 TPP, as described below:

- The US 10 Highway Congestion Mitigation Project expands US Highway 10 (US 10) in Anoka County from two to three mainline travel lanes in Coon Rapids between County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 78 (Hanson Boulevard) and CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard).
- The US 169/CSAH 59 Interchange Project converts an at-grade intersection on US Highway 169 in Scott County to a grade-separated interchange with CSAH 59 (Delaware Avenue), roughly 2.5 miles southwest of the City of Jordan.

Funding

Both projects are fully funded and set to be under construction in 2024 and 2025. In 2023, the US 10 project received a \$30 million appropriation as part of the State's Transportation Omnibus Bill for the project. The US 169 project will utilize all local funds from Scott County, primarily through the county's transportation sales tax.

Consistency with the 2040 TPP

Both projects were analyzed to determine if they are consistent with the goals and strategies of the 2040 TPP. The projects were determined to assist the region in reaching its goals in Safety and Security, Access to Destinations, and Competitive Economy, as outlined in the amendment text. Additionally, the US 169 interchange project also was vetted by the Interchange Review Committee and met all criteria.

Staff Analysis

The projects assist in helping the region reach the outcomes articulated in the 2040 TPP while simultaneously not affecting the fiscal constraint of the plan. The US 169 interchange is anticipated to increase safety along a busy corridor while the US 10 project helps increase access to destinations. The TPP amendment will include a public comment period.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed
TAC Planning	Review & Recommend	July 13, 2023
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	August 2, 2023
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	August 16, 2023
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	August 28, 2023
Metropolitan Council	Review & Release for Public Comment	September 13, 2023
Transportation Advisory Board	Information Only	November 15, 2023
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Accept Public Comments & Recommend	November 27, 2023
Metropolitan Council	Accept Public Comments & Approve	December 13, 2023

