

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 10, 2012

For the Council Meeting of December 12, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	November 30, 2012
Subject:	2013-2016 TIP Amendment to add Midtown Greenway Corridor Bridge Study project (SP#027-070-006; TAB Action 2012-39)
District(s), Member(s):	6 – Brimeyer, 7 – Cunningham, 8 - Duininck
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Midtown Greenway Corridor Bridge Study project (SP#027-070-006).

Background

In 2006, the Midtown Greenway in Minneapolis received a \$1,485,000 federal earmark and used the majority of the funding to rehabilitate three bridges over the Greenway. All but \$14,735 of the original earmark was obligated on the three bridge projects, which are now complete.

On August 17, 2012, the federal government announced the immediate release of earmark funds from federal fiscal year 2003-2006 appropriations acts. This release authorized the states, subject to FHWA review, to reallocate unobligated earmark funding from these federal fiscal years. These funds are available to be reprogrammed on other Title 23 and Title 49 eligible projects. If these released funds are not obligated before December 31, 2012, the remaining federal funds will be redistributed to states that met the December 31, 2012, deadline.

The federal funds from the original Midtown Greenway appropriation will be reprogrammed for the Midtown Greenway Bridge Study.

Project Description	Federal Funds (earmark)	Other Funds
SP#027-070-006: Bridge Study along the Midtown Greenway Corridor from France Ave to the Mississippi River Bridge	\$14,735	\$210,265 total (\$120,199 county; \$40,066 state; \$50,000 city)

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. All transportation projects that receive federal funding must be included in the TIP. This project is exempt from air quality analysis, is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, and does not affect fiscal constraint.

Funding

This project is fully funded with \$14,735 of federal earmark funds, \$40,066 in State funds, \$120,199 from Hennepin County, and \$50,000 from the City of Minneapolis.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition