

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 9, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 15, 2014

Subject: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for I-35W North Managed Lane

District(s), Member(s): 8 – Duinick, 10, 11 - Rummel

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-35W North Managed Lane Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design project (SP#6284-172) in the year 2014 with a total of \$904,540 using \$814,086 in federal Interstate Maintenance Discretionary funds and state funding of \$90,454.

Background

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-161), the I-35W North Managed Lane Project received an earmark through the FHWA's Interstate Maintenance Discretionary (IMD) Program. This funding will provide for the environmental review and preliminary design for Phase I of the I-35W North Managed Lane Project.

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Funding

The project is fully funded with the existing federal and state funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

September 27, 2013

Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
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 this project in program year 2014. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P		ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
2014	M	M	I-35W	6284-172	MnDOT	I-35W North Managed Lane Environmental Assessment & Preliminary Design	10 mi

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	IM	\$904,540	\$814,086			\$90,454	

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).

The amendment is needed to add project SP 6284-172 to SFY 2014 of the 2014-2017 TIP. In the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-161), the I-35W North Managed Lane Project received an earmark through the FHWA's Interstate Maintenance Discretionary (IMD) Program. This funding will provide for the environmental review and preliminary design for Phase I of the I-35W North Managed Lane Project.

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

SP 6284-172 has a total estimated cost of \$904,540 with \$814,086 in IMD funds and \$90,454 in State SRC funds. The federal IMD funds combined with state 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 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 change and determined the project is exempt from regional analysis as a planning and technical study (code O1) project.

Sincerely,

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Dan Erickson, MnDOT Metro State Aid
Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council