

**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: January 14, 2013

For the Council Meeting of January 23, 2013

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date: January 8, 2013

Subject: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for Robert Street Improvements projects (SP# 173-010-007 and #1908-84)

District(s), Member(s): 13 - Kramer

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 modify the scope and costs for the Robert Street Improvements project (SP# 173-010-007) and reduce the STP-UG funding by \$300,000 to \$6,980,000 and modify the scope for MnDOT Robert Street Improvements project #1908-84.

**Background**

The City of West St. Paul requested a scope change to remove a bicycle/pedestrian bridge; change the access at eight intersections in the project area; and increase the total cost from \$10.383 million to \$15.22 million. MnDOT has a companion Robert Street Improvements project (#1908-84) with a municipal agreement between MnDOT and the city for some of the improvements; the approved project scope change requires a modification in the project description for MnDOT's Robert Street project, and the cost for MnDOT's project remains the same at \$1,250,000. This TIP amendment reflects these changes as approved by the TAB.

**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. These projects are exempt from air quality analysis, are consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, and do not affect fiscal constraint.

**Funding**

West St. Paul is funding the \$4,837,000 Robert Street Improvements project cost increase. The project's \$15,220,000 total cost is fully funded with \$6,980,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) federal funds; \$6,190,000 from the City of West St. Paul; \$1,400,000 from the City of St. Paul; and \$650,000 from Dakota County. The MnDOT Robert Street Improvements project is fully funded with \$1,250,000 in state funds.

**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition