

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 8, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 24, 2013

Subject: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for 2014 Safe Routes to School Projects

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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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 three projects on the attached list using a total of \$170,000 in federal Safe Routes to School funding in 2014.

Background

The federal Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure grants support education, encouragement, enforcement, or evaluation activities related to safe walking and bicycling to school. MnDOT conducts a statewide solicitation for local implementation projects that help more children walk and bicycle safely to school. The state fiscal year (SFY) 2014 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) non-infrastructure grant solicitation awards were recently announced, and three projects were selected in the region. Because the timing of project selection was not compatible with the TIP and STIP development, an amendment is needed to add them to SFY 2014 of the 2013-2016 TIP.

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. The projects are consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and meet fiscal constraint because the federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund these projects. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the projects were exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Funding

The three projects being added with this amendment are funded with \$170,000 in federal Safe Routes to School funding in 2014. Safe Routes to School projects do not require a local match. Specific amounts for each project are shown on the attached list.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

List of Safe Routes to School Projects

STATE FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
2014	SRS-9064-13A	MnDOT	SRTS Metro, Minneapolis Public Schools; non-infrastructure grant to hire a SRTS coordinator, purchase a district-wide bicycle fleet, and provide education and encouragement activities in the schools.	SRTS	Planning	SRTS	96,000	96,000	S-6
2014	SRS-9086-13	MnDOT	SRTS Metro, South Washington County Schools; non-infrastructure grant to hire a SRTS coordinator to assist the SRTS school teams, purchase safety equipment and training for school safety patrols, purchase incentives for students, and pay for SRTS campaign materials.	SRTS	Planning	SRTS	62,000	62,000	S-6
2014	SRS-9087-13	MnDOT	SRTS Metro, Columbia Heights Public Schools; non-infrastructure grant to provide access to bicycles and bicycle education through the purchase of a bike fleet, bike maintenance training for staff and students, and tools for bicycle repair.	SRTS	Planning	SRTS	12,000	\$12,000	S-6