

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 11, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 27, 2013

Subject: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for the Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier project on the Great River Road (TH 56) in Dakota County

District(s), Member(s): 15 - Chávez

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 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a Dakota County project in 2013 for the Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier on the Great River Road (SP# 019-060-010) with a total cost of \$880,000.

Background

Dakota County received federal National Scenic Byways funding for this project in fall of 2012. The wayside rest will be located on the Great River Road (TH56) at the Rock Island River Pier on the west bank of the Mississippi River at 66th Street in Inver Grove Heights. The project will construct a four-season restroom, picnic shelter, parking for motor vehicles and bicycles, and trail connections to the national Mississippi River Trail.

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

The project's total cost is \$880,000 using \$450,000 of National Scenic Byways funding and \$430,000 in county funding.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.