

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 11, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 27, 2013

Subject: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for I-35E MnPASS Managed Lane Extension Study

District(s), Member(s): 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 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-35E MnPASS Managed Lane Extension Study in 2013 with a total cost of \$756,250.

Background

MnDOT was awarded \$605,000 in federal funds from a 2012 solicitation for the Value Pricing Pilot Program to conduct the I-35E MnPASS Managed Lane Extension Study. The study will evaluate managed lane concepts on I-35E between Little Canada Road and CR 96 that are compatible with the long-term plans for development of I-35E on the eastern side of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

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 \$756,250 with \$605,000 of federal Value Pricing Pilot Program funds, \$121,250 from MnDOT trunk highway funds, and \$30,000 from the University of Minnesota.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.