

**Transportation Committee**

April 28, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 30, 2014

**Subject:** 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for St. Croix River Crossing  
**District(s), Member(s):** N/A  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** TAB Action  
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**Division/Department:** Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

**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 St. Croix River Crossing bridge replacement project using \$41.34 million of state funds for the years 2014-2017.

**Background**

This TIP amendment is requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in response to the extension of the federally- recognized Urbanized Area (UZA) boundary for the Twin Cities metropolitan area based on 2010 Census data. Urbanized areas are Census-designated areas with 50,000 or more residents. The update extended the Twin Cities UZA boundary beyond the seven-county region into Sherburne and Wright Counties in Minnesota and also into a small portion of Houlton, Wisconsin, in St. Croix County. Federal law requires a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to cover at least the complete urbanized area boundary. Due to the small area in Wisconsin included in this boundary, TIP amendments for this area are expected to be infrequent. The St. Croix River bridge project is already included in the Transportation Policy Plan and the TIP for the Minnesota side; this amendment adds the portion of the project on the Wisconsin side.

Because the amendment includes funds for 2014, same week approval is requested to expedite the amendment approval.

**Rationale**

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the TIP, and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. This portion of the region in Wisconsin is outside of the carbon monoxide maintenance area, and a Clean Air Act conformity determination is not required.

**Funding**

The project is fully funded with the existing state funds.

**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition.



**2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Wisconsin: New Projects**

Project Number	Project Elements	Project Sponsor	Project Description (street name, termini, type of work, length in miles, and funding program)	Phase	Estimated Cost (in thousands of \$)					Funding Source and Cost Share			
					2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	Federal	State	Local	Total
8110-02	21, 40, 42, 43, 71, 72, 73, 75, 89	WisDOT	St. Croix River Crossing - to 150th Ave in Town of St. Joseph and STH 64 bridge approaches	Engineering	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
			Bridge Replacement - BR	Right-of-Way	4,338	0	0	0	4,338	0	4,338	0	4,338
			4.89 Mi	Construction	5,099	13,134	17,808	951	36,992	0	36,992	0	36,992
				TOTAL	9,437	13,134	17,808	951	41,330	0	41,330	0	41,330