

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 27, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 12, 2014

Subject: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for Western Avenue Streetscaping in Saint Paul

District(s), Member(s): 14 - Commers

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 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) modifying the project budget for Western Avenue Streetscaping in Saint Paul by increasing the local amount by \$825,000 to a new local total of \$1,210,000 and a project total of \$2,250,000. The project number will also be corrected to SP# 164-214-016.

Background

The City of Saint Paul received \$1,040,000 in federal Transportation Enhancements (now Alternatives) funds in the 2009 solicitation for streetscaping and lighting on Western Avenue. Due to increased total project cost from greater than anticipated sidewalk deterioration and storm water management requirements, the amendment is necessary to update the increased total project cost.

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Funding

The project is fully funded with the existing federal and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

November 12, 2013

Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the cost estimate and correct the project number on a project in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DI S T	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
1510	2014	M	M	CITY	164-214-016	ST PAUL	ON WESTERN AVE FROM ST ANTHONY TO UNIV & FROM CONCORDIA TO SELBY-STREETScape, LIGHTING	1.0 mi

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
EN	APPURTENANCES	TAP	\$2,250,000	\$1,040,000				\$1,210,000 (CITY OF ST PAUL)

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. This amendment is needed to update the cost estimate and correct the project number on a project in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014.

The total project cost used in the original funding application for SP 164-213-007 and subsequently included in the 2014-2017 STIP is \$1,425,000. Since the application was submitted the total project cost has increased to \$2,250,000 due to the following factors:

- Computation error in the original funding application;
- Greater than anticipated sidewalk deterioration discovered;
- Sidewalks and ramps must meet ADA standards;
- Additional storm water management necessitated by requirements for projects located in a watershed.

Additionally, the original project number, 164-213-007, was assigned using an incorrect route number and as a result has been changed to 164-214-016.

There has been no change to the project's scope as a result of the above described adjustments.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money _____
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint _____
- Other X*

*SP 164-213-007 (Seq # 1510; new SP is 164-214-016) is currently programmed in SFY 2014 of the 2014-2017 STIP for a total of \$1,425,000 with \$1,040,000 in federal funds and \$385,000 in local funds. The new project cost is \$2,250,000, with \$1,040,000 in federal funds and \$1,210,000 in local funds.

Local funds will be used to cover the increase in cost. The \$1,210,000 in federal funds currently programmed in SFY 2014 have not changed and when combined with \$1,210,000 in local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project, therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination_____
- Exempt from regional level analysis....._____
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)....._____

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and determined the project is exempt from regional analysis (S-18 Lighting Improvements).

Sincerely,

John Maczko
City of St. Paul

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