

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 26, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 28, 2015

Subject: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: Shoulder reconstruction on US Highway 61 south of CSAH 9 in White Bear Lake

District(s), Member(s): 11 – Rummel

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 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reconstruct bituminous outside shoulders on US Highway 61 south of CSAH 9 in White Bear Lake.

Background

The project will reconstruct bituminous outside shoulders on US 61 just south of CSAH 9 (Buffalo St.) in White Bear Lake. This project is using \$57,821 in federal Highway Rail Grade Crossing and Rail Safety funds. These funds are available from another project (SP 10-00120 providing crossing improvements in Carver County) because the railroad's estimate came in lower than expected.

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 federal 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. This TIP amendment is using the streamlined process adopted by TAB on April 19, 2014.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	D I S T	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
	2015	M	M	TH 61	6222-177	MNDOT	US TH 61, just south of CSAH 9 (Buffalo St) in White Bear Lake; reconstruct bituminous outside shoulders	0.3

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
SR	Construction	RRS	\$57,821	\$57,821	-	-	-	-

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous TIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

An amendment is needed to add this project to the TIP. The project is to reconstruct bituminous outside shoulders on US 61 just south of CSAH 9 (Buffalo St.) in White Bear Lake. This project is using \$57,821 in federal Highway Rail Grade Crossing and Rail Safety funds.

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 MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- Other (transferred funds)

X

The funds available for this project are coming from funds not used in another project. That project (SP #10-00120, Gates and Lights for a TCWR crossing on CSAH 41 in Carver County), is programmed in SFY 2015 for \$225,000. However, the estimate from the railroad and the authorized amount has come in lower at \$146,128. The remaining \$78,872 is sufficient to fund this new project (SP #6222-177); 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 September 10, 2014, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on October 6, 2014.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt from regional level analysis: S-10 (Pavement resurfacing or rehabilitation).