

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 8, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 10, 2015

Subject: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: Washington County Civil Engineering at St. Croix Boom Site Recreational Area

District(s), Member(s): 12 – Melander

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 add civil engineering to and increase the cost of its rehabilitation at the St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area in Washington County.

Background

An amendment is needed to update the scope and the total project cost. This project is for rehabilitation and construction of a roadside recreational area near the St. Croix Bridge site. Civil engineering (CE) is being added to the project scope and the costs are being increased by \$75,500 for a total project cost of \$400,500.

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 following the streamlined process adopted by TAB on April 19, 2014.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal Public Lands Highway Discretionary (PLHD) funds. The project is currently programmed in SFY 2015 with a total of \$325,000, all federal funds. The total project cost is increasing to \$400,500, an increase of \$75,500, all of which is covered by federal PLHD funding.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Please amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify this project in program year 2016. This project is being submitted with the following information:

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)	MILE S
	2016	M	M	LOCAL	082-595-002	WASHINGTON COUNTY	REHABILITATION, CONSTRUCTION AND CE OF ST. CROIX BOOM SITE ROADSIDE RECREATIONAL AREA (OTHER FHWA AMT IS PUBLIC LAND HIGHWAY DISCRETIONARY)	1.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
RB	GRADING	PLHD	\$400,500	\$400,500	-	-	-	-

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).

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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 X
 - Other

SP 082-595-002 is currently programmed in SFY 2016 with a total of \$325,000 PLHD federal

funds (Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program). These funds are allocated funds, not formula funds, and stay with this specific project and are not subject to formula funding fiscal constraint. A previous project, SP 082-595-001, was for planning and preliminary engineering for this site. Some of that funding was not used, and will now be used for the subject project for CE. \$75,500 from SP 082-595-001 will be requested through financial modification with the FHWA for the allocated funds for CE to be included in this project, for a total project cost of \$400,500.

The PLHD funds for this project from SP 082-595-001 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 January 14, 2015 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

*Exempt Project Category #O-9. Transportation enhancement activities (except rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities)per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules