

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 23, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 2015

Subject: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: East 7th Street St. Paul

District(s), Member(s): 13 – Kramer

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 local road work and increase the cost of its pedestrian/bike improvement project on East 7th Street from Arcade Street to Bush Avenue.

Background

The project will include construction of sidewalks and installation of landscaping, trees, pedestrian lighting, and on-street bicycle facilities. Total project cost will increase because the City will be adding road reconstruction work at the same time it is completing the sidewalk construction and curb & gutter replacement.

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 and local funds. This project will use \$423,356 in federal STP funds. Local funds are proposed to increase from \$105,875 to \$1,055,464.

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
1494	2015	M	M	Ped/Bike	164-030-011	Saint Paul	On E 7 th St from Arcade St to Bush; on Arcade St from E 7 th St to bridge over Phalen Blvd; on Forest St from Wells St to Reaney Ave in St Paul; and on Reaney Ave from Forest St to Johnson Pkwy-sidewalks, landscaping, trees, pedestrian lighting, on-street bicycle facilities, reconstruct E 7 th St from Minnehaha Ave to Bush Ave.	1.1

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
EN	PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENT	TAP	1,479,000	423,536				1,055,464

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 adjust total cost and to modify project description due to the addition of locally funded work. The project will to construct sidewalks and install landscaping, trees, pedestrian lighting, and on-street bicycle facilities. Total project cost will increase due to the City adding roadwork at the same time it is completing the sidewalk construction and curb & gutter replacement. This project is using \$423,536 in federal TAP funds. The increase in cost is being paid with City 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 X

This project (SP 164-030-011) is currently in SFY2015 of the 2015-2018 TIP, with \$423,536 of federal TAP funds, and \$105,875 of local funds from the City of St. Paul, for a total project cost of \$529,411. This amendment request is to increase the local funds from \$105,875 to \$1,055,464, an increase of \$949,589, for a total project cost of \$1,479,000. The increase in project cost is due to the city adding additional work to the project, reconstructing E 7th St from Minnehaha Ave to Bush Ave. There are no changes proposed to the federal TAP funds, 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. It is also consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan adopted by the Metropolitan Council on September 8, 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 Project Category #AQ-2. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules