Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 22, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 24, 2016

Subject: 2016-2019 TIP Amendment: Bloomington Old Cedar Avenue Trail Construction

District(s), Member(s): 5 – Elkins **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 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost and adjust the description for the City of Bloomington's Old Cedar Avenue Trail project (SP# 107-090-009).

Background

An additional Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) grant from US Fish and Wildlife Services was awarded to this project in the amount of \$570,000, increasing the federal contribution to \$1,370,000, along with \$800,000 already included from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). The local contribution from the City of Bloomington is increasing from \$1,523,100 to \$3,377,000 to accommodate an updated cost estimate that brings the project total to \$4,747,000. The project description is also being updated to better identify the project termini.

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the TIP and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the actions of the TAB. These projects are consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meet fiscal constraint because the federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund them. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that no conformity determination is needed. The 2016-2019 TIP conforms to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality. 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.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.



Please amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2016. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ#	STATE FISCALY EAR	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)	M I L E
1493	2016	М	М	PED/BIKE	107-090-	Bloomingt	OLD CEDAR AVENUE TRAIL	0.7
					009	on	FROM EAST OLD SHAKOPEE	
							ROAD TO CEDAR AVENUE	
							BRIDGE IN BLOOMINGTON -	
							CONSTRUCT PED/BIKE TRAIL	
							OLD CEDAR AVENUE TRAIL	
							FROM EAST OLD SHAKOPEE	
							ROAD TO MINNESOTA RIVER IN	
							BLOOMINGTON-CONSTRUCT	
							PED/BIKE TRAIL, REHAB PKG LOT	
							AND ROAD RECONSTRUCT	

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
ВТ	PEDESTRIAN BIKE TRAIL	FLAP FLTP	2,323,100	800,000 (FLAP) 570,000 (FLTP)	-	-	-	1,523,100
			4,747,000	Total FWHA= 1,370,000				3,377,000

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).

This amendment is needed to update the total project cost and description to an existing project in the TIP. An additional Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) grant from the Fish and Wildlife Services was awarded to this project in the amount of \$570,000, which will be added to the existing \$800,000 in Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds. The local contribution from the City of Bloomington is also

increasing from \$1,523,100 to \$3,377,000. The total project costs in the TIP and STIP will now be \$4,747,000. The project's cost has increased because of a refined and detailed cost estimate process. The project description is also being updated to better identify the termini of the project.

- 2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money X
 - Anticipated Advance Construction
 - ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
 - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
 - Other

The additional new money from the Federal Lands Transportation Program and the City of Bloomington is enough 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
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt Project Category AQ2 (pedestrian and bicycle projects) per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.

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