

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 8, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 24, 2016

**Subject:** 2016-2019 TIP Amendment: City of Minneapolis East-West Pedestrian Improvements

**District(s), Member(s):** 7 – Cunningham

**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 reduce the scope and amend the funding amounts for the City of Minneapolis's East-West Pedestrian Improvements project (SP # 141-030-022).

### Background

The City of Minneapolis wishes to change the scope of its Transportation Enhancement (TE)-funded Downtown East-West Pedestrian Improvements project to eliminate all work from 11 intersections and partial work from six others. The reason for this is that the City has been awarded other funds for signal replacement projects and other intersection improvements. The reduction in scope eliminates duplication of work and reduces the overall funding amount.

### Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the TIP and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the actions of the TAB. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) 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 amendment is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. 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.

### Funding

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

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Please amend the 2016-2019 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)	MILES
	2016	M	M	Ped/Bike	141-030-022	City of Minneapolis	6th St S, 7th St S and 9th St S from 1st Ave N to Chicago Ave and 8th St S from 1st Ave N to Hennepin Ave- Landscaping, pedestrian ramps, countdown timers, street lighting and durable crosswalk markings  6th St S from 5th Ave N to Portland Ave, 7th St S from 1st Ave N to Chicago Ave, 8th St S from 1st Ave N to Hennepin Ave, and 9th St S from 1st Ave N to Park Ave -- Landscaping, pedestrian ramps, countdown timers, street lighting and durable crosswalk markings	-

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
	Bike / Ped	TAP	\$2,050,000	\$1,120,000	-	-	-	\$930,000
			\$1,843,384	\$875,317				\$968,067

**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 due to a change in project scope and funding for the Downtown East-West Pedestrian Improvements Project (SP # 141-030-022). The City of Minneapolis has received Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP) funding for signal replacement projects on 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets for FY 2017 and 2018, respectively. These projects have created some overlap with some intersections included in the Downtown East-West Pedestrian Improvement Project. Because the project is programmed for FY 2016, the concern is that some elements would later be negatively impacted by the HSIP projects and essentially need to be reconstructed. Additionally, the City is undergoing a project that will result in reconstruction of intersections on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The City is therefore proposing eliminating all work from 11 intersections and partial work from six others.

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

Federal funds are being reduced and the City of Minneapolis is committed to paying all local funds for this project.

**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 from regional level analysis: AQ-2 (bicycle and pedestrian facilities)