

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 27, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 13, 2017

Subject: 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: West St. Paul Wentworth Avenue Trail Project

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 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the City of West St. Paul's Wentworth Avenue Trail project (SP # 173-020-017).

Background

Following the removal of one project from the program of TAB-awarded federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) projects, TAB voted to fund West St. Paul's "Wentworth Avenue Trail Gap" project. As such an amendment is needed to add the project to the TIP. The project will construct a one-mile off-road multiuse trail along Wentworth Avenue (CSAH 8) from Delaware Avenue (CSAH 63) to Humboldt Avenue.

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 and local 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.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *livability* by enhancing the non-motorized transportation network.

Funding

The project will be funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds from the Council's Regional Solicitation, along with a local match.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Please amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following project in program year 2021.

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)	M I L E S
-	2021	M	M	PED / BIKE	173-020-017	WEST ST PAUL	CSAH 8 FROM CSAH 63 TO HUMBOLDT AVENUE IN WEST ST PAUL – CONSTRUCT OFF-ROAD MULTIUSE TRAIL	1.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	BOND	OTHER \$
BT	BIKE/PED	FHWA	1,306,347	984,000	-	-	-	-	322,347

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

- 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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- 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 project will be funded with \$984,000 in STBPG funds, as applied for by the applicant, with the balance coming from the applicant.

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 AQ-2. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.