

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 26, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 28, 2018

**Subject:** Amendment to the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** FAST-Act

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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include the System to System Interchange Study.

### Background

Every year the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is recommended through the TAC and TAB committee structure before adoption by the Metropolitan Council and approval from MnDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. This document establishes activities that MTS will use federal planning funds for in the coming calendar year, including the titles of studies that will be undertaken. Activities in the UPWP can be unique consultant projects or ongoing work of the Council and MTS.

Since the UPWP is written six months before the year begins, occasionally work items emerge during the year that were not anticipated during its creation. MnDOT and FHWA require administrative amendments to document changes to the UPWP after it has been adopted.

Shortly after the 2018 UPWP was adopted, it became clear that the System to System Interchange Study was a high priority for the region. It had originally been tentatively planned for 2019 but staff from the Metropolitan Council and MnDOT see value in moving it ahead by one year.

Task B-5, page 18 of the UPWP has been modified to add "System to System Interchange Study" under the "Products" heading. At the top of page 18 a bullet has been added with a brief description of the System to System Interchange study.

The budget spreadsheets for Activity B (page 24) and Activity C (page 27) have been modified to remove \$50,000 from Activity C and add it to Activity B. The System to System Interchange study will use \$50,000 from 2018 funds and will rely on \$200,000 in 2019 UPWP funds. A MnDOT match of \$250,000 will be provided, and they will also lead the study.

### Rationale

This study has been identified as a priority for the region by stakeholders, MnDOT, and FHWA.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Stewardship outcome by responsibly managing the region's transportation infrastructure resources through smart investment decisions.

## **Funding**

Funding for the System to System Interchange Study is being supported by MnDOT (\$250,000), along with \$50,000 reallocated from the 2018 modeling budget and \$200,000 from the 2019 consulting budget overall.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.