Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 28, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 13, 2019

Subject: 2019-2022 TIP Amendment: MnDOT Railroad Crossing in Eden Prairie

District(s), Member(s): 3 – Munt

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 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the description and cost for MnDOT's Valley View Road railroad crossing in Eden Prairie.

Background

MnDOT requests an amendment to its Valley View Road rail signal project to add a second project location (Eden Prairie Public Pathway) and increase the cost from $275,000 to $345,080. This project is funded with federal Railway-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Program funds.

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.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes livability by improving safety.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Please amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify this project in program year 2019. 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
1445	2019	M	M	MSAS 109	27-00319	MnDOT	~~TCWR RR, MSAS 109, Valley View Road in Eden Prairie- Upgrade existing signal system~~ TCWR RR, MSAS 109, Valley View Road in Eden Prairie(393279U) and Eden Prairie Public Pathway (972695V)- Upgrade existing signal system	0.0

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total $	FHWA $	AC $	FTA $	TH $	Other $
SR	RR Xing Imp	RRS	~~275,000~~ 345,080	~~5,000~~ 10,000	-	-		~~270,000~~ 335,080

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 update the cost and the project description to add a second crossing.

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 (RRS and City of Eden Prairie) ✓

✓SP 27-00319 is currently programmed in SFY 2019 with a total project cost of $270,000 in the 19-22 TIP/STIP. The project cost has increased to $345,080. The project also had a second location added.

The RRS Section 130 federal rail funds programmed in SFY 19 and local funds provided by the City of Eden Prairie are sufficient 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 October 24, 2018, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 13, 2018.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:
- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis✓
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

✓Exempt from regional level analysis: S-8: Railroad/highway crossing warning devices

- Valley View Road (DOT # 393279U, RR MP 437.52)
- Eden Prairie Public Pathway (DOT # 972695V, RR MP 437.2)