

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 26, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 28, 2020

Subject: 2021-2024 TIP Amendment for MnDOT Signal System Replacement in Chanhassen
District(s), Member(s): 3 – Ferguson
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action
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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project replacing an antiquated signal system in Chanhassen.

Background

This amendment is required to add a new rail crossing project into fiscal year 2021 of the 2021-2024 TIP. The project location is CSAH 18 At Lyman Blvd in Chanhassen.

The amendment would add the project to the 2021-2024 TIP, which was approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 23, 2020, The TIP still needs to be approved by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations. Should this amendment be approved before that approval, the project will not be eligible to receive federal funds until federal approval occurs.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state 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 state funds.

Known Support / Opposition

This proposed action was reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Advisory Board. No known opposition.



Please amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2021. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
2021	M	CSAH 18	10-00123	MnDOT	CSAH 18 At Lyman Blvd in Chanhassen, Replace antiquated signal system	0.00

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	TH \$
SR	RR Crossing Improvements	RRS	190,000	171,000	19,000

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 required to add a new rail crossing project into fiscal year 2021 of the 2021-24 TIP. At the same time project 27-00328, a replacement of lights and gates in Minneapolis will be dropped.

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 X
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- Other

SP 27-00328, programmed for the same cost in the same year, will be dropped, releasing the funds needed for this 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, as amended on April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt Project Category S-8, Railroad/highway crossing warning devices per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.