

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 8, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 10, 2021

**Subject:** 2021-2024 TIP Amendment for St. Louis Park: CSAH 25 / Beltline Blvd Pedestrian Project

**District(s), Member(s):** 6 – Atlas-Ingebretson

**Policy/Legal Reference:** TAB Action

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**Division/Department:** Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to reduce the scope and increase the cost of St. Louis Park's CSAH 25 Beltline Boulevard Pedestrian project. The scope reduction is necessary because elements of the project are being completed through other projects.

### Background

This amendment is needed to reflect St. Louis Park's scope change request to remove project elements being constructed by other projects. The amendment request also includes a cost increase. The project was funded through the 2016 Regional Solicitation.

### 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 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 *stewardship* by allowing for the project to be completed through other efforts taking place in the project area.

### Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local 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 amend this project in program year 2021. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description
1685	2021	M	MSAS 291	163-291-008	St. Louis Park	*AC**: MSAS 291 (Beltline Blvd) from W 36th St to <u>Park Glen Rd</u> and <u>CSAH 25</u> to Minnetonka Blvd & <u>CSAH 25</u> from <u>Beltline Blvd</u> to <u>Lynn Ave</u> and Lynn Ave from CSAH 25 to Minnetonka Blvd in St Louis Park-Construct pedestrian facilities and streetscaping elements (AC project with payback in FY24)

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	AC \$	Other \$
0.0	EN	Sidewalks	STBGP	<del>756,000</del> <u>820,457</u>	560,000	<del>196,000</del> <u>260,457</u>

**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).

This amendment is needed to reflect a scope change, removing elements being constructed by other sources and total project cost increase.

- 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

✓ The total project cost increased from \$756,000 to \$820,457. No additional federal funding is needed. Increased local funds provided by St. Louis Park, 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 November 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

**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.