

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 8, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 10, 2021

Subject: 2021-2024 TIP Amendment for Richfield: Railroad Gate Installation

District(s), Member(s): 5 – Cummings

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 add an additional location and additional cost to Richfield's West 77th railroad gates installation.

Background

This amendment request is necessary to reflect a change in project scope, adding a second location (upgrading detection circuitry adjacent to W 76th Street) to Richfield's West 77th Street installation of gates and flashing lights. This addition also includes a cost increase. The project is funded through the Highway Rail Grade Crossings & Rail Safety program, which is not programmed through the 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 *livability* by enhancing safety.

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 2021 project. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

State Fiscal Year	ATP/DIST	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	Miles
2021	M	MSAS 77	27-00327	Richfield	PGR RR, install gates and flashing lights at MSAS 108, W 77th St, and upgrade detection circuitry adjacent W 76th St, Richfield, Hennepin County	0.0

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
RS	Railroad Crossing	RRS-C	225,000 <u>350,142</u>	202,500 <u>315,128</u>	22,500 <u>35,014</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 formal amendment is needed reflect a change in scope by adding a second location and a 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

The total project cost increased from \$225,000 to \$350,142. Additional federal funding is provided from RRS-C (MnDOT Rail Office) and local funds from Richfield. 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 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.