

**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: November 8, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 10, 2021

**Subject:** 2022-2025 TIP Amendment: Ramsey County Lexington Parkway Extension  
**District(s), Member(s):** 14 – Fredson  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** TAB Action  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director, Finance & Planning (651-602-1508)  
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**Division/Department:** Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to change a terminus and add a trail and roundabout to the project description of Ramsey County’s Lexington Parkway extension.

**Background**

Ramsey County was awarded \$1,535,420 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds in the 2018 Regional Solicitation. The county requests a small terminus change and a change in intersection type (from signals to roundabout) at Montreal Avenue.

**Rationale**

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The projects are consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meet fiscal constraint because the federal, state, and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

**Thrive Lens Analysis**

This action promotes *livability* by promoting safety in the form of a roundabout.

**Funding**

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

**Small Business Inclusion**

This project includes federal funding. Therefore, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements will apply.

**Known Support / Opposition**

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



Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2022. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description
TBD	2022	M	CSAH 51	062-651-067	Ramsey County	**PRS**CSAH 51 from Shepard Road to <del>West 7th</del> <u>Adrian St</u> in St. Paul-Lexington Parkway extension, Sidewalk, <u>trail</u> , <u>roundabout</u> , traffic signals

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
<del>0.19</del>	MC	Grade and Surface	STBGP	<del>2,072,817</del>	1,535,420	<del>537,397-</del>
<u>0.22</u>				<u>3,336,300</u>		<u>1,800,880</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 change the project description following approval of an informal scope change that modifies the signal at Montreal Avenue to a roundabout and makes a minor change to the project termini. The amendment is also adding trails to the description, as the original project description inadvertently left them out, and correcting the project length, which is incorrect in the current TIP.

- 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 \*

Local funds. No additional federal funds are being added to 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 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 E-3. Interchange reconfiguration projects per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules