

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: May 23, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: May 25, 2022

Business Item: 2022-121 SW

2022-2025 TIP Amendment: I-35W Landscaping

District(s), Member(s): 7 – Lilligren

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 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to decrease the length of MnDOT's I-35W landscaping project in Minneapolis.

Background

MnDOT is decreasing the project length of its I35W landscaping project in Minneapolis due to removing one site. There is no cost change proposed. This is a 2023 project being changed to match the draft 2023-2026 TIP.

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 *stewardship* by downsizing the project in accordance with available funding.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and state funds.

Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change this project in program year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description
1660	2023	M	I35W	2782-357	MNDOT	I35W, from Park Ave to 43rd <u>26th to 31st St</u> in Mpls – Landscaping (Transportation Enhancement, TE, funded)

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	STATE \$	Other \$
3.00 .67	RB	Landscaping	TAP	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000	NA

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 to decrease the project length.

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

The total project cost remained the same. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained. Because this is a 2023 project, it will be included in the draft 2023-2026 TIP. Metro District will align its program to meet MnDOT’s 2023-2026 STIP funding guidance. 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 NC—Non-classifiable per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.