

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: November 30, 2022

Business Item: 2022-292

2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Hennepin Avenue BRT Platforms

District(s), Member(s): 8 – Muse

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 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to remove bus rapid transit stations from the description of Hennepin County's Hennepin Avenue bikeway project.

Background

This amendment request is to remove the installation of bus rapid transit (BRT) platforms from Hennepin County's Hennepin Avenue bikeway project. Hennepin County was awarded this project in the 2018 Regional Solicitation. The bus rapid transit (BRT) platforms currently included in the description were not a part of that project. They were added, with all local funding, due to their location within the project limits. The BRT platforms now need to be removed from the description due to environmental documentation impacting the timing between the project and the METRO E Line. This will return the TIP description to that of the original project award.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The projects are consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *stewardship* by establishing the most efficient staging of two projects possible.

Funding

The projects are fully funded with federal and local funds.

Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend this project. 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	Miles
TBD	2023	M	CSAH 52	027-652-042	Hennepin County	CSAH 52 (Hennepin Ave and 1st Ave) from Main St SE (CSAH 23) to 8th St SE (MSAS 231) in MPLS-Bikeway, ADA, traffic signals, intersection crossing improvements, trail, mill and overlay, BRT platforms , lighting (Associate to 2710-57)	0.53

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
BT	Bike/Ped	STBG-TAP	\$10,985,000 \$10,685,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,485,000 \$5,185,000

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 remove BRT Platforms from the project description and adjust total cost accordingly.

- 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

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 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 S-10. Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

Highway CSAH 52 TIP Amendment

- Project Location
- Hennepin Ave & 1st Ave
from Main St SE to 8th St SE

