

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: December 13, 2023

Business Item: 2023-275

Regionally Significant 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – Two Regionally Significant Projects

District(s), Member(s): 4 – Barber; N/A (for I-94 Project)

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 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two regionally significant projects:

- Lane additions on I-94 from Albertville to Monticello in Wright County and
- New interchange at US 169 and CSAH 59 in Scott County

Background

The following projects are proposed for addition to the 2024-2027 TIP:

- MnDOT requests the addition of a I-94 Albertville to Monticello Lane Expansion Project in Wright County to the TIP. This project will expand approximately eight miles of I-94 from two to three travel lanes. A portion of this project is within the MPO Planning Area located outside of the seven-county area. The project will be constructed by MnDOT District 3. This project is funded through the state's Corridors of Commerce program.
- Scott County requests the addition of a grade-separated interchange on US 169 at CSAH 59 (Delaware Avenue) into the TIP. This project is locally funded by Scott County.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The projects are in the process of being amended into the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) through business item 2023-257 and meet fiscal constraint because the federal, state, and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *livability* by enabling the construction of key projects in the urban area.

Funding

The projects are fully funded with federal, state, and local funds.