

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 22, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	January 17, 2007	
Subject:	2007-2010 TIP Amendment: Increased Cost Estimates for I-35W/Crosstown and TH 12	
District(s), Member(s)	District 1, Roger Scherer,	District 2, Tony Pistilli
	District 3, Mary Hill Smith,	District 5, Russ Susag
	District 6, Peggy Leppik,	District 7, Annette Meeks
	District 8, Lynette Wittsack,	District 9, Natalie Haas Steffen
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action 2007-03	
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director, 651-602-1754	
	Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning, 651-602-1058	
	Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst 651-602-1719	
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services	

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by including increased cost estimates for the I-35W Crosstown project and TH 12 near Long Lake and deferring the TH 169 and CSAH 81 interchange project from 2008 to 2010.

Issue(s)

The I-35W Crosstown project was advertised in April 2006 but received no bidders. Among the comments from prospective bidders as to why contractors declined the bid was the financing requirements and that the project cost estimate appeared low. MnDOT has now revised the financing and cost estimate from \$251 million to \$285 million. MnDOT intends to advertise for bids in February 2007. The TH 12 project near Long Lake between Wayzata Boulevard and CSAH 6 is currently under construction but poor soil conditions created risks requiring a land bridge has resulted in increased costs of \$8.5 million. In order to maintain the fiscal balance of the TIP, the amendment defers the TH 169 interchange between CSAH 81 and CSAH 109 in Brooklyn Park from 2008 to 2010.

The amendment maintains the fiscal balance of the TIP. The amendment does not affect the Air Quality conformity determination. The amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Policy Plan adopted on December 14, 2004, with FHWA conformity determination established on February 1, 2005.