

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2011-20

DATE: February 9, 2011
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment Request for MnDOT: SP#2750-75 convert existing intersection to a folded diamond half interchange at TH169 and 93rd Ave.
MOTION: That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP to include MnDOT: SP#2750-75 convert existing intersection to a folded diamond half interchange at TH169 and 93rd Ave.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to identify the project in the STIP, which is a requirement for review by MnDOT's Cultural Resources Unit. Since this project is in close proximity to a cemetery, MnDOT project managers expect significant review to be necessary. This amendment to the TIP must be made in order to facilitate this review prior to project letting.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	January 20, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	February 2, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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January 20, 2011

Karl Keel, Chair
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
 390 N. Robert St.
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RE: Amendment to the Minnesota 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number: 2750-75 TH 169/93rd Ave. Brooklyn Park
 Federal Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following new project in SFY 2013 of the TIP. The project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	D I S T	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
	2013	M	M	TH 169	2750-75	MnDOT	At 93 rd Ave. – Convert existing intersection to a folded diamond half interchange	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
RC	Grade Surface	SF,BF	12,000,000	0	0	0	6,000,000	6,000,000 (Interchange Bonds)

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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).

Project 2750-75 (TH 169/93rd Ave) is currently not identified in the 2011-2014 TIP. This amendment is needed to identify this project in SFY 2013 of the 2011-2014 TIP. MnDOT's Cultural Resources Unit requires any project be identified in the current STIP before they will enter into a review process. The project does have a cemetery in close proximity to the proposed interchange and may require additional review by a consultant. In order to facilitate this review, before project letting, the project needs to be amended into the current TIP.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money – (indicate type here) _____
(Discretionary, Special Allocations or Other New Funding Sources)
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment _____
of other projects
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP _____
target
- Other* _____ X

* The project is funded with Safety Capacity TH funds and state bonds solicited through the 2009 Interchange Program. These are all state funds, therefore they are in addition to the district regular formula funds and fiscal constraint is maintained.

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CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009. The amendment is also consistent with the 2030 Policy Plan update adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 and transmitted to MnDOT on November 22, 2010 for transmittal to USDOT for a conformity determination.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination..... X
- Exempt from regional level analysis*.....
- Exempt from project level analysis*.....
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation*.....
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*The Mn Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee reviewed and concurs with the December 14, 2011 memo from the Metropolitan Council. It states the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program amended to include the TH 169 / CSAH 30 interchange, meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests (as described here and in Appendix "F" of the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan). The memo is attached.

We are requesting approval of this STIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please call me at (651) 234-7793.

Sincerely,



Sherry Narusiewicz
Planning Program Coordinator
Metro District

Enclosures: December 14, 2011 Conformity Determination Memo

cc: Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Management

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Memorandum

DATE: December 14, 2010
TO: MN Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee
FROM: Jonathan Ehrlich
SUBJECT: Air Quality Conformity Analysis TH 169 / CSAH 30 TIP Amendment

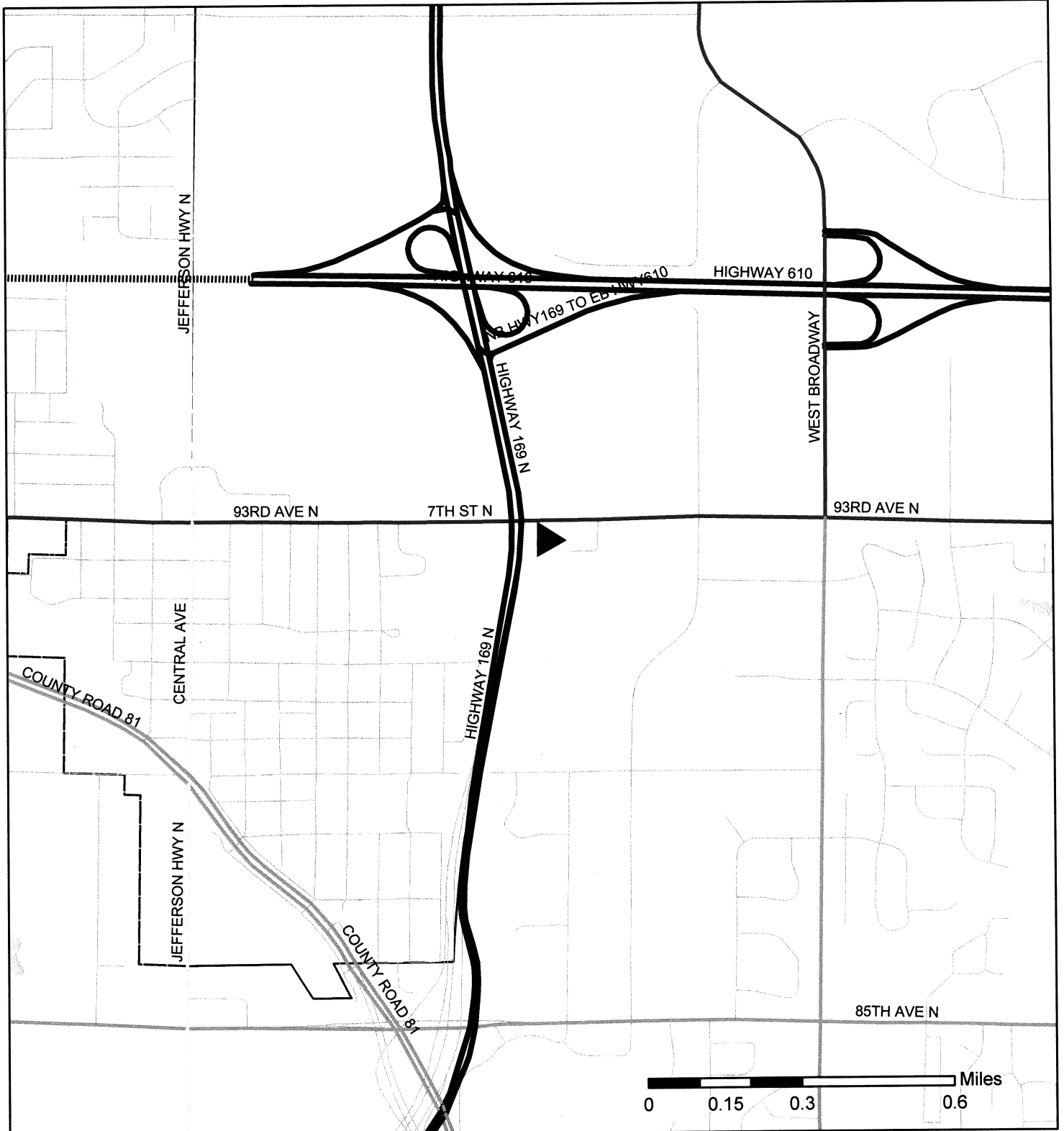
Mn/DOT and the City of Brooklyn Park are proposing to amend the 2011-2014 TIP to include an interchange construction project at TH 169 and CSAH 30 in Brooklyn Park. This project is regionally significant, and is subject to conformity analysis.

On September 9, 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved a limited maintenance Plan for Carbon Monoxide (CO) in the Twin Cities area. This limited maintenance plan went into effect on November 8, 2010. A limited maintenance plan is available to states that demonstrate that monitored CO levels are below 85 percent of the federal CO standard. Under the limited maintenance plan, conformity determinations under the federal conformity rule are still required, however the approval of the limited maintenance plan by the EPA can be considered to satisfy the "budget test" required by the transportation conformity rule for federal actions requiring conformity determinations.

Other conformity requirements have been addressed as follows:

- The TIP was prepared in accordance with the *Public Participation Plan for Transportation Planning*, adopted by the Council on February 14, 2007. This process satisfies SAFETEA-LU requirements for public involvement, in addition to the public consultation procedures requirement of Conformity Rule §93.105.
- The Council has reviewed the TIP and certifies that the TIP does not conflict with the implementation of the SIP, and conforms to the requirement to implement the Transportation System Management Strategies which are the adopted Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) for the region. All of the adopted TCMs have been implemented.
- Any TIP projects that are not specifically listed in the Transportation Policy Plan are consistent with the policies and purposes of the Plan and will not interfere with other projects specifically included in the Plan.
- There are no projects which have received NEPA approval and have not progressed within three years.

The analysis described above has resulted in a Conformity Determination that the project included in the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program amended to include the TH 169 / CSAH 30 interchange, meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests (as described here and in Appendix "F" of the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan*). The amended 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program conforms to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality.



Existing Regional Functional Class Roads

- Principal Arterial
- B Minor
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- A Minor Augmentor
- A Minor Reliever
- A Minor Expander
- A Minor Connector

Planned Regional Functional Class Roads

- Principal Arterial
- B Minor
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- A Minor Augmentor
- A Minor Reliever
- A Minor Expander
- A Minor Connector

City / Township Boundaries

TLG Street Centerlines

County Boundaries

