

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2011-50

DATE: June 9, 2011
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment Request from MN/DOT for TH 55 Full Depth Reclamation project.

MOTION: That the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP that includes MN/DOT SP# 2722-81; TH 55 Full Depth Reclamation from Wright/Hennepin County border to west of Hennepin CR 116 (Pinto Drive) in Medina.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This project needs to be amended in the TIP to identify it as a Better Roads for a Better Minnesota project with \$5,640,000 federal funds from the additional federal funding that came to the state as a result of no HPP (earmark) projects. The project is exempt from air quality analysis as it is a pavement resurfacing and rehabilitation project. Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 19, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	June 1, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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May 19, 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: 2722-81
Federal Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following new project in SFY 2012 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
	2012	M	M	MN 55	2722-81	MnDOT	From Ash St. in Rockford to west of Hennepin CR 116(Pinto Dr.) in Medina-Thick Mill & Overlay, replace concrete center median, ADA upgrades, misc. drainage, striping, turn lanes(Design build and possible alternative bid project)	9.5

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
RS	Grade Surface	NHS	8,375,000	5,640,000	0	0	1,635,000	1,100,000 (DPS funds)

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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).

On May 3, 2011, the Minnesota Department of Transportation announced the "Better Roads for a Better Minnesota" program. This four year Statewide program, aimed at improving existing highways determined to be in "poor" condition, will:

- Significantly improve state highway pavement condition-the goal is to improve more than 700 miles of roads and reduce "Poor" pavements.
- Provide pavement-focused mobility enhancements and transit advantages in the Twin Cities metro area including MnPASS expansion and shoulder hardening for transit.
- Provide pavement-related improvements in the areas of safety and ADA accessibility and other work, such as drainage facilities.
- Explore innovative engineering and delivery techniques to best use taxpayer dollars and
- Support about 3,400 jobs in the Minnesota road construction industry

The overall cost of the program is \$398 million and does not require any increase in revenue. The funding for the program will come from current state and federal funds, as well as previously authorized bonds. This funding is in addition to the previously committed MnDOT funds for pavement improvement through June 30, 2014(FY 2015).

Minnesota has also received an estimated \$95 million of additional federal funds for federal fiscal year 2011 because no new authorization act has been signed. Of that \$95 million, Metro District will receive \$34,030,000. This project has been selected as one of the trunk highway projects to receive \$5,640,000 of these additional federal funds.

This amendment is needed to identify project 2722-81 in SFY 2012 as a Better Roads for a Better Minnesota project with \$5,640,000 federal funds from the additional 2011 federal funding and Trunk Highway funds of \$1,635,000.

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The MnDOT Office of Traffic Safety and Technology has dedicated \$1.1M of Section 164 Repeat Offender sanction funds for the installation of the turn lanes needed on this project. These federal funds are transferred to the MN Department of Public Safety by the National Highway Safety Traffic Agency(NHTSA) due to Minnesota complying with the Section 164 enacting a Repeat Intoxicated Driver law. Based on an agreement between DPS and MnDOT, a portion of the funds are transferred to MnDOT as state funds.

1. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
- New Money – Additional FY 2011 Fed Funds* X
(Discretionary, Special Allocations or Other New Funding Sources)
 - Anticipated Advance Construction
 - ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment of other projects* X
 - Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP target
 - Other

* \$1,635,000 of the state TH funds from 880M-SAS-12 (Seq. # 1692) currently identified in SFY 2012 of the 2011-14 STIP as a set aside with a total of \$36,615,000 in state TH funds. These funds will be used along with \$5,640,000 of additional FFY 2011 federal funds coming to Minnesota due to operating under a continuing resolution. Additional federal funds, which are in addition to regular federal formula funds, and state TH funds from a set aside in SFY 2012 will be used to fund project 2722-81, therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

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.

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AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

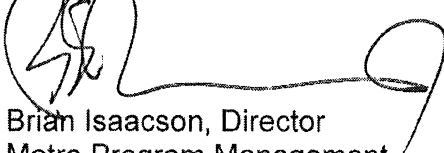
*Exempt Project Category #:

S-10 – Pavement resurfacing and rehabilitation and

E-1 – Intersection channelization projects Per Section 93.126 of the
Conformity Rules

We are requesting approval of this STIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please call me at (651) 234-7788.

Sincerely,



Brian Isaacson, Director
Metro Program Management
Metro District

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