

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2011-69

DATE: December 2, 2011
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment Request to add SP#1925-55 MnDOT: Preliminary Engineering for a Managed Lane on TH 77 from 138th St in Apple Valley to I-494 in Bloomington
MOTION: That the TAB adopt a 2012-2015 TIP Amendment for SP#1925-55 MnDOT: Preliminary Engineering for a Managed Lane on TH 77 from 138th St in Apple Valley to I-494 in Bloomington.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to identify this new project. The project is using remaining federal Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP) funds of \$88,216 to conduct Preliminary Engineering and environmental evaluation for value pricing along this section of TH 77. This project uses \$88,216 in federal funds, \$311,784 in Trunk Highway funds, and \$200,000 from Dakota County. The Funding & Programming Committee unanimously supported the amendment but some members expressed an opinion that other MnPASS corridors were of a higher priority in the TPP than this one. These funds, however, could not be used on another corridor in order to remain eligible because they were originally used to study the feasibility of value pricing options along the TH 77 corridor.

NOTE: Because the first day of December is a Thursday, this item has not been acted upon by the Technical Advisory Committee at the time of the mailing to the TAB Programming Committee.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	November 17, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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November 15, 2011

Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
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RE: Amendment to the Minnesota 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
State Project Number:
Federal Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2012-2015 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	TH 77	1925-55	MnDOT	From 138 th St. in Apple Valley to I-494 in Bloomington, TH 77 Preliminary Engineering for Managed Lane.	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	FFM	\$600,000	\$88,216	0	0	\$311,784	\$200,000 Dakota County

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PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. In November of 2008, Mn/DOT applied for Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP) funding from the FHWA for the TH 77 managed lane project. Mn/DOT was awarded a federal grant of \$540,000 for project #1925-48 (Seq # A2441) to study the feasibility and test several managed lane scenarios. This project had a total project cost of \$690,000 which includes: \$540,000 in federal VPPP funds and a match of \$150,000 in state Non-SRC funds.

In 2011 the feasibility study was concluded after completing all required tasks in the scope of work. An estimated \$90,000 in federal VPPP funds was not utilized to complete this study. The remaining funds have been determined eligible for Preliminary Engineering (PE) under the original project scope and have been identified as Phase II of the project. Phase II preliminary engineering and environmental evaluation costs are estimated at \$600,000. The funding for the project will include \$88,216 in Federal VPPP funds, \$200,000 from Dakota County and \$311,784 in State Trunk Highway funds.

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

- New Money – X*
(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

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***2009 Value Pricing Program Pilot Program Funds.**

These federal funds are in addition to regular federal target funds. These funds along with the additional funds from Dakota County and Mn/DOT TH funds are sufficient to fully fund project #1924-55 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,

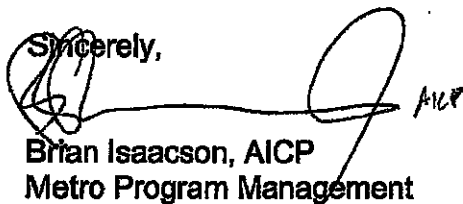
2010 and transmitted to MnDOT on November 22, 2010 for transmittal to USDOT for a conformity determination.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

*Exempt Project Category #_O-1 Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to the construction, such as planning and technical studies, grants for training and research programs, planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C. federal-aid systems revisions 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 Brian Isaacson at (651) 234-7788

Sincerely,

Brian Isaacson, AICP
Metro Program Management

Enclosures: NA

cc: Jon Solberg, Program Management
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