

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: January 24, 2011
Council meeting: February 9, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: January 20, 2011
Subject: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include MnDOT
SP#8825-417: Repair Fiber Optic Cables (TAB Action
2011-07)
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action
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

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include MnDOT SP#8825-417: Repair Fiber Optic Cables.

Background

This project is able to be funded in FFY 2011 due to recent savings from project bids that came in below estimate. The TAB adopted this TIP Amendment at its January 19, 2011 meeting.

Rationale

In order to spend Federal Transportation Funds, the project must be in a current TIP.

Funding

Additional federal funds are available in FFY 2011 due to savings from a recent low bid. A portion of these savings will be used on this project.

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition was presented at either the TAC or TAB meetings.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Bill Hargis
Chair

January 20, 2011

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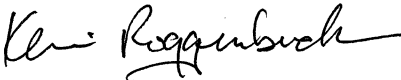
Ms. Haigh,

On January 19, 2011, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP#8825-417: Repair Fiber Optic Cables.

Due to savings from a SFY 2011 project for mill and overlay of I-35 from TH 8 to TH 95 that was let on October 22, 2010, there are additional federal funds in FY 2011. A portion of these savings will be used on this project to repair fiber optic cables metro wide.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2011-07.

Sincerely,



for Bill Hargis,
Chair

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Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2011-07

DATE: January 20, 2011
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment Request for MN/DOT SP#8825-417: Repair Fiber Optic Cables.

MOTION: The TAB adopted an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP to include MN/DOT SP#8825-417: Repair Fiber Optic Cables.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Due to savings from a SFY 2011 project for mill and overlay of I-35 from TH 8 to TH 95 that was let on October 22, 2010, there are additional federal funds in FY 2011. A portion of these savings will be used on this project to repair fiber optic cables metro wide.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	December 16, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	January 5, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	January 19, 2011
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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December 16, 2010

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: 8825-417 Repair Fiber Optic cables - metrowide
 Federal Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following new project in SFY 2011 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
	2011	M	M	999	8825-417	MnDOT	Repair Fiber Optic cables - Metrowide	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
TM	Traffic Mgmt. System	STP	250,000	200,000	0	0	50,000	0

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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).

This amendment is needed to add Project 8825- 417 to SFY 2011 of the 2011-2014 STIP. The project will provide funding for repairing fiber optic cable, metrowide, that are impacted by freezing weather(ice crush).

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* X
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP _____
target _____
- Other _____

* The \$200K federal funds needed for this project are available due to a savings on SFY 2011 project 1380-63 – Mill and overlay on I-35 from TH 8 to TH 95 that was let on October 22, 2010. The project was identified in the TIP with \$16.185M total cost (\$15.367M federal funds(\$8M ARRA, \$7.367 IM)). The bid for the project was \$9.1M total cost and funded with 100% ARRA funds (\$8M in STIP; \$1.1ARRA from Dist. C). This left approximately \$7.367M federal funds in SFY 2011. A portion of these savings have been used on project 1981-120(I35W - \$1.62M) and 1308-21(TH 8-\$1.44M) leaving \$4.307 available to use on this project as well as others.

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-7 Traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization 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- 7793.

Sincerely,



Sherry Narusiewicz
Planning Program Coordinator
Metro District

cc: Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Management

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