

Committee Report

Item: 2012-77
Consent

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 14,
2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: February 28, 2012

Subject: 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to add federal funds for I-35W westbound auxiliary lane, noise wall, and bridge replacement in Bloomington and Richfield (TAB Action 2012-10)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to combine SP#2785-378: replacement of the Xerxes Ave bridge over I-494 with the project scope of SP#2785-364: add auxiliary lane on I-494 from I-35W to TH 100 and reflect a new total cost.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

This item was approved as part of the Transportation Committee consent list. Motion by Munt, seconded by Smith and passed.

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Business Item
Item: 2012-77
Consent

Meeting date: February 27, 2012

Council meeting date: March 14, 2012

| ADVISORY INFORMATION | |
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| Date: | February 15, 2012 |
| Subject: | 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to add federal funds for I-35W westbound auxiliary lane, noise wall, and bridge replacement in Bloomington and Richfield (TAB Action 2012-10) |
| District(s), Member(s): | Elkins - 5 |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | TAB Action |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Arlene McCarthy, Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning (651-602-1058) Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator (651-602-1728) James Andrew, Senior Planner (651-602-1721) |
| Division/Department: | Metropolitan Transportation Services |

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That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to combine SP#2785-378: replacement of the Xerxes Ave bridge over I-494 with the project scope of SP#2785-364: add auxiliary lane on I-494 from I-35W to TH 100 and reflect a new total cost.

Background

This amendment is needed to incorporate the new combined project scope and total cost. The effect of the amendment is negligible because it is combining two projects that are in the existing TIP.

| Project Description | Federal (Interstate Maintenance and National Highway System) Funds | Local Match (Trunk Highway) |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| MnDOT SP#2785-364: From I-35W to TH100 in Bloomington and Richfield to add a westbound auxiliary lane, noise wall, drainage, ponding, lighting, TMS, approach panels and replace the existing bridge #9126 and necessary approach reconstruction | \$13,558,500 | \$1,506,500 |

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. This project and the amendment requested was already included in the regional air quality conformity analysis, is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and does not affect fiscal constraint as it only combines existing projects without affecting their costs.

Funding

This project is funded with a combination of federal Interstate Maintenance funds and National Highway System funds with the match coming from State Trunk Highway funds.

Known Support / Opposition

There was no opposition to this TIP amendment. The City of Bloomington assured the technical committees that they had a letter of agreement with MnDOT specifying that the auxiliary lane could be used as a MnPASS lane in the future if MnDOT constructs a MnPASS lane in the I-494 corridor.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Bill Hargis
Chair

February 17, 2012

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Susan Haigh, Chair
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390 Robert Street No.
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Ms. Haigh,

On February 15, 2012 the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP#2785-364 I-494 from I-35W to TH 100 in Bloomington and Richfield to add westbound auxiliary lane, noise wall, including replacement of existing bridge and approaches.

Replacement of the Xerxes Avenue bridge and construction of the auxiliary lane on I-494 from I-35W to TH 100 were identified as two separate projects in the 2012-2015 TIP. A formal amendment is needed to combine two projects into one project reflected in this amendment.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2012-10.

Sincerely,

Citizen Members - Precinct

Gerry Butcher - A

Thomas Heffelfinger - B

Jennifer Janovy - C


Kenya McKnight - D

Ashraf Siddiqui - E

Bill Hargis - F

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Bill Hargis,
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Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2012-10

DATE: February 17, 2012
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request for MnDOT SP#2785-364 I-494 from I-35W to TH 100 in Bloomington and Richfield to add westbound auxiliary lane, noise wall, including replacement of existing bridge and approaches

MOTION: The TAB adopted an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP to combine SP# 2785-378, replacement of the Xerxes Avenue bridge over I-494 with the project scope of SP# 2785-364, add auxiliary lane on I-494 from I-35W to TH 100 and reflect increased total cost.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: A formal amendment is needed to combine two projects into one project reflected in this amendment. The TIP includes all of this work but as two individual projects. This TIP amendment does not change anything from these existing projects except that it ties them together. The project is subject to air quality conformity analysis but since this work was already identified in the TIP, it has already been included in the regional air quality analysis so no additional analysis is necessary. The project maintains fiscal constraint because it is simply combining two existing projects into one and is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan. Additional background material is attached.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

ROUTING

| TO | ACTION REQUESTED | DATE COMPLETED |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| TAC Funding & Programming Committee | Review & Recommend | January 19, 2012 |
| Technical Advisory Committee | Review & Recommend | February 1, 2012 |
| TAB Programming Committee | Review & Recommend | February 15, 2012 |
| Transportation Advisory Board | Review & Adopt | February 15, 2012 |
| Metropolitan Council | Concurrence | |