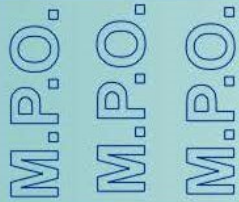


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## **MPO Staff Report**

**Technical Advisory Committee: March 11, 2020**

**MPO Executive Board: March 18, 2020**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend the approval of FY2020 TIP amendments to the MPO Executive Board.**

Matter of the Public Hearing on FY2020 TIP Amendment.

**Background:** After the MPO adopts a four year TIP, amendments may need to be process when a project cost estimate changes significantly or the scope of the project changes or federal programs have announced funding awards.

The proposed amendments are all located on the North Dakota side of the MPO Study Area. There are a total of four (4) projects: 2 involve significant increase in cost; 1 involves significant cost decrease; and the remaining one involves bringing back a project from 2019 into 2020.

### **Significant Increase in Cost Projects:**

The project to improve N. 5<sup>th</sup> St between DeMers to Gateway had its cost increase from \$1.8M to \$2.5M with a change in federal funding increase from \$1.5M to \$1.76M. This significant change is over 25 % so needs to be processed as an amendment to the TIP. The increase is a result of the bid award as the bids came in higher than estimated; the project scope of work did not change. The impact on performance did not change since the project scope did not change. The impact on fiscal constraint is more tricky. Since this is a Regional project, the NDDOT does not create a cap on the federal participation like it does on a Urban Roads project. So the fiscal impact is more statewide than is specific to the MPO. The fiscal impact review will continue as an accumulative impact could present itself as more project go from estimate to bid award.

The project to address ADA curb-ramps along Washington St between Hammerling and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N had its cost increase from \$670,00 to over \$835,000 with the federal participation increasing from \$542,000 to near \$676,000. This significant change is over 25% so needs to be processed as an amendment to the TIP. The increase is a result of the bid award as the bids came in higher than estimated; the project scope of work did not change. The impact on performance did not change

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### **Significant Decrease in Cost Project:**

The project to complete safety improvements at various intersection on 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S between S. 20<sup>th</sup> St (this termini changed as well as it was previously at S. Washington St.) and I29 had its cost decrease from \$7.4M to near \$4.7M with the federal participation decreasing from \$6.6M to \$4.2M. This significant change is over 25% so needs to be processed as an amendment to the TIP. The actual construction is now slated for 2021; yet the federal funding will still be in 2020. The decrease in funds is a result of further project development identifying less need for right of way purchases and eliminating need for temporary wired spanned traffic signals thereby using existing signals while new signal bases are being constructed.

The impact on performance did not change since change in project scope did not remove safety improvements that are being done. The impact on fiscal constraint is none. Since this is a Safety funded project and is of a unusually large amount, the project was not used in determining future reasonably forecasted safety funding into the MPO area.

### **Change in TIP Year:**

The project to complete pavement preservation treatments on segments on N. Washington St between 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N to end of 4 lane section north of Gateway Dr. The project was to be done in 2019. It is being delayed to 2020. This delay needs the project to be amended into the current TIP to keep it eligible for federal funding.

The impact on performance did not change since the project scope did not change. The impact on fiscal constraint is none. There is not change in cost estimate nor funding splits.

### **Findings and Analysis:**

- Project changes have been identified.
- The proposed project amendments are consistent with the MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- A Public Hearing is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> at the TAC meeting; written comments are being accepted until 11:00 am, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- These amended projects do impact funds in the TIP so fiscal constraint is further analyzed.
- These amended projects do not impact performance targets.

### **Support Materials:**

- Copy of Public Hearing Notice.
- Copy of Amendments

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the MPO 2020 to 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP also incorporates the local transit operators' Program of Projects (POP). The hearing will be held in the Training Room of East Grand Forks City Hall, 600 DeMers Ave., East Grand Forks, Minnesota. The hearing will start at 1:30 PM on March 11th. The public, particularly special and private sector transportation providers, are encouraged to attend.

The TIP potential amendment involves several projects on the North Dakota side that have had significant changes in their cost. The change was significant enough to cause the MPO to seek public input on the changes. A copy of the proposed amendment to the TIP is available for review and comment weekdays between 8 AM and 5 PM at the MPO Offices in Grand Forks City Hall and East Grand Forks City Hall. Comments on the draft TIP can be submitted to either MPO Office until noon on January 8th.

For further information, contact Mr. Earl Haugen at 701/746/2660. The GF-EGFMPO will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the meeting conductors are notified 5 days prior to the meeting date, if possible. To request language interpretation, an auxiliary aid or service (i.e., sign language interpreter, accessible parking, or materials in alternative format) contact Earl Haugen of GF-EGFMPO at 701-746-2660. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

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**FISCAL YEARS 2020 - 2023**

URBAN AREA	PROJECT LOCATION	FACILITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST (THOUSANDS) AND SOURCE OF FUNDING					STAGING	ANNUAL ELEMENT	FUTURE EXPENDITURES			
										2020	2021	2022	2023	
PROJECT NUMBER	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY	CLASSIFICATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER	LOCAL	Operations					
	PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING STATUS							P.E.					
				FUNDING SOURCE					CONSTR.					
				TOTAL					TOTAL					
Grand Forks #6	Grand Forks	N. 5th St.	Pavement project likely to be a mill and overlay of N. 5th St. between Gateway Dr and DeMers Ave.	REMARKS: AMENDED November 2019 AMENDED March 2020										
	NDDOT	Minor Arterial	Amended scope to reconstruct N. 5th St between DeMers Ave and 1st Ave N						<b>Amended amounts</b>					Operations
PCN 21842	Minor Rehabilitation	Discretionary		TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER	LOCAL	P.E.					
				1,813.14	1,467.37	136.43		209.43	R.O.W.					
				Urban Regional Secondary Roads Program					CONSTR.	2,483.24				
				TOTAL					TOTAL	2,483.24				
Grand Forks #7	Grand Forks	University Ave	Pavement preservation work tentatively described as a mill and overlay between State Road and N. 3th St.	REMARKS: AMENDED November 2019 to reduce Federal funds										
	Grand Forks	Minor Arterial							Operations					
PCN 22372	Rehabilitation	Discretionary		TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER	LOCAL	P.E.					
				3,461.00	2,209.00			1,252.00	R.O.W.					
				Urban Roads Program					CONSTR.	3,461.00				
				TOTAL					TOTAL	3,461.00				
Grand Forks #8	Grand Forks	Gateway Dr.	Install red light running confirmation lights to the traffic signal on Gateway Dr.	REMARKS:										
	Grand Forks	Principal Arterial	Safety projects on various corridors to install backplates and leading pedestrian timing						Operations					
PCN 22543	Safety	Discretionary		TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER	LOCAL	P.E.					
				398.00	359.00	3.00	0.00	36.00	R.O.W.					
				Highway Safety Improvement Program					CONSTR.	398.00				
				TOTAL					TOTAL	398.00				



