

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 13, 2012

Recommended Action

Approve FFY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1.



Presented by

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FFY 2011-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—AMENDMENT #1

SUMMARY

Overview

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a staged, five year, inter-modal planning document that includes transportation projects proposed for implementation in the Great Falls Metropolitan Area. It includes projects financed with U. S. Department of Transportation, Montana Department of Transportation, and City and County funds. The TIP aids in the effective development of a variety of projects and efficient management of varied money sources, and is the main implementation tool of the Great Falls Area Transportation Plan.

Occasionally, an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) becomes necessary, usually due to changes in available funding, changes in project costs, or the addition of projects. Amendment #1 to the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2011-2015 TIP considers a number of minor changes, including adding the following:

- 1) A grant for Veterans' transportation services
- 2) Design for pavement preservation projects
- 3) Reflective signal-head borders safety project
- 4) District-wide safety curve/wrong way signage projects
- 5) Design for new ADA/curb ramps 25th/26th Sts.
- 6) I-15 fence replacement

7) 3rd St. NW-NW Bypass to 10th St. NE signal timing/controller upgrades

8) 10th Ave. S. signal controller upgrades

It also generally updates project costs, by phase, and updates past and expected funding amounts from the various funding sources. Finally, it also revises project schedules, by year, as project development timelines shift.

Other local TIP approval bodies include the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board and the Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC). The Planning Board will consider Amendment #1 on December 11th and PCC on December 14th. Action by the Planning Board and TAC will be reported at the Dec. 14th PCC Meeting to aid the PCC in its decision.

Summary of Changes

The Amendment brings the TIP up to date. As projects progress, budgets change and shift, development timelines change, and new projects are proposed, updates become necessary. As well, updates are made when available funding increases or decreases, and funding projections become firm numbers.

“Attachment A” is the proposed Amended TIP, with major changes highlighted in gray on Tables 4, 6 and 7. In addition, Table 1 includes updated costs and MDT's added projects summarized

above. No priorities have been modified. Also, Table 2 has been updated to reflect the latest funding amounts and projections, and Table 3 has been slightly modified to reflect shifts in project schedules.

Additional Funding for Bootlegger Trail Reconstruction Project

According to action at the last TAC meeting, staff has concluded there will be sufficient MACI funds available to contribute \$460,000 to the Bootlegger Trail Reconstruction Project. Therefore, staff also recommends the TIP include this addition.

RECOMMENDATION

The Technical Advisory Committee approve Amendment #1 to the FFY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program, with the additional inclusion of \$460,000 in MACI Program funds to the Bootlegger Trail reconstruction project, and recommend approval by PCC.