

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

DATE: December 13, 2012

TO: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for Metro Transit

REQUESTED ACTION: Metro Transit requests a TIP amendment to add a new project for a Metro Transit Police Facility at the Interchange in Minneapolis.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Metro Transit Police Facility project in 2013 using \$9,600,000 in Section 5307 funding and \$2,400,000 in Regional Transit Capital funds.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The funding for a new Transit Police Facility was originally in the Metropolitan Council's 2012-2015 Capital Improvement Plan. The project is moving along faster than anticipated, due to an opportunity at a desirable location within the Transportation Interchange project in downtown Minneapolis. This TIP amendment will allow efficiencies and economic opportunities with the design, construction and occupancy of a new Metro Transit Police Facility.

The total project cost is anticipated at \$12 million. The funding will consist of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds (\$9,600,000) and Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds (\$2,400,000) in 2013. FTA 5307 funds are "formula funds" allotted on an annual basis to be identified in the STIP with a local funding match of 20%.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved TIP 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.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the project is fully funded using new federal and regional funding. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011. The project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. The opportunity for public input is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

ROUTING

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



December 7, 2012

Karl Keel, Chair
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
 390 Robert Street No.
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2013-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
State Project Number: Sect. 5307 Twin Cities Met Council Metro Transit Police Facility

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2013. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DIST	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
	2013	M	M	BB	New – No S.P. # or Fed #	Met Council – Metro Transit	Sect. 5307 Twin Cities Met Council MT-Metro Transit Police Facility	0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$ RTC
B9	Facility Capital Improvement	FTA	12,000,000	0	0	9,600,000	0	2,400,000 Regional Transit Capital (RTC)

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PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous STIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

The funding for a new Transit Police Facility was originally in the CIP. The project is moving along faster than anticipated, due to an opportunity at a very desirable location. Adding this project to the TIP will allow us to take advantage of many efficiencies and economic opportunities with the design, build and occupancy of a new Metro Transit Police Facility.

The total project cost is anticipated at \$12 million. The funding will consist of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 funds (\$9,600,000) and Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds (\$2,400,000). The project was identified in the Metropolitan Council's 2012 – 2015 Capital Improvement Plan. FTA 5307 funds are "formula funds" allotted on an annual basis to be identified in the STIP with a local funding match of 20%. A TIP and subsequent STIP amendment are sought to enable Metro Transit to apply for these funds. Availability of the Federal Funds is anticipated during the first quarter 2013.

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

- New Money _____
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint _____
- Other _____

We are using program income funds from another project to make the RTC funds available for this project and are reducing the amount of federal 5307 funds used for preventative maintenance to make the 5307 funds available for this project.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

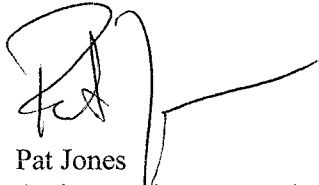
AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination_____
- Exempt from regional level analysis.....__E-6*
- Exempt from project level analysis....._____
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation....._____
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)....._____

***Note: This is a Metro Transit Police facility within the Transit Interchange Project and is used for transit purposes.**

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Gustafson, Grant Manager, at 612-349-7603.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Director, Engineering and Facilities

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Mary Gustafson, Metro Transit Grant Manager