

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2011-29

DATE: March 9, 2011
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment Request for Metro Transit: FTA 5309 Funds for Real Time Transit Arrival Signs and Transit Signal Priority.

MOTION: That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP to include Metro Transit: FTA 5309 Funds for Real Time Transit Arrival Signs and Transit Signal Priority.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Metro Transit was awarded a grant from FTA's Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Program. This project would expand the real time signs and transit signal priority that exist on Marquette and 2nd Avenue in Downtown Minneapolis to other locations in Minneapolis and St Paul along high frequency corridors that serve the two downtowns. The local match for this funding will come from the Metropolitan Council's Regional Transit Capital funds. This project is funded with new funds and is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 17, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	March 2, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



February 4, 2011

Karl Keel, Chair
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
 230 East Fifth St.
 Mears Park Centre
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

**Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project #: Sect 5309 Twin Cities Met Council-MT Real Time Transit Arrival Signs**

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2011. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
2011	M	M	BB	New – Discretionary Award	Met Council - MT	Twin Cities Met Council-MT Real Time Transit Arrival Signs and Transit Signal Priority (Livability Initiative Program)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUND	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	FTA 5309 \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
B3	Bus Grant Capital Improvement	FTA	1,560,000	0	0	1,248,000	0	0	0	312,000 (Regional Transit Capital)

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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) _____


* Exemption Code #T7 Construction of small passenger shelters and information kiosks per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules, also Exemption Code#S-7 Traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization projects per Section 83.126 of the Conformity Rules.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, and with the 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 Mn/DOT on November 22, 2010 for transmittal to USDOT for a conformity determination.

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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Metro Transit

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