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RE: Draft 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Dear Metropolitan Area Transportation Stakeholders and Citizens;

In accordance with federal requirements and its desire to have effective public participation in the preparation of the region's Transportation Improvement Program, the Transportation Advisory Board held a public hearing on the draft 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. A public comment period of 45 days was also held open to receive comments outside the formal hearing. This document and the attached material comprise the public comment report on the draft 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

This public comment report includes the following:

Attachment A

Public hearing notices that appeared in the State Register, area newspapers and the Metropolitan Council website.

Attachment B

Copies of the presentations made by MnDOT and Metropolitan Council staff at the June 15, 2011 public hearing.

Attachment C

Public Hearing report and all written comments received during the public comment period with staff responses.

Sincerely,



Kevin Roggenbuck
TAB Coordinator

Attachment A

Public Hearing Notices.

- Notice on the Metropolitan Council website.
- Notice in the State Register, May 16, 2011.
- Notices that appeared in area newspapers and other publications.

PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED 2012-2015
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Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326B.02, subdivision 5, authorizes the Commissioner of the Department to adopt, amend, suspend, and repeal rules relating to chapter 326B. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326B.106, subdivision 1, requires the Commissioner to, by rule, to establish a code of standards for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings, governing matters of structural materials, design and construction, fire protection, health, sanitation, and safety, including design and construction standards regarding heat loss control, illumination, and climate control.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Department does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

If you believe that the possible rule amendments or additions would require your local unit of government to adopt or amend an ordinance or other local regulation, the Department requests that you provide information about the ordinance or regulation to the Agency Contact person listed below.

Rules Drafts. When a rule draft becomes available, it can be found on the Department's website at:

<http://www.dli.mn.gov/RulemakingCCL.asp>

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Colleen Chirhart at Department of Labor and Industry, Construction Codes and Licensing Division, 443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, **phone:** (651) 284-5867, **fax:** (651) 284-5749, and **e-mail:** colleen.chirhart@state.mn.us. TTY users may call the Department at (651) 297-4198.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: 2 May 2011

Ken B. Peterson, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Industry

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Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) Meeting Notice of the Actuarial RFF Subcommittee May 25, 2011

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) Board of Trustees has formed a subcommittee to evaluate request for proposals (RFP) for actuarial services beginning July 1, 2011. The Actuarial Subcommittee of the Board will meet Wednesday May 25 at 9:00 a.m. to interview finalists. The meeting will be held in Room 414 of the Retirement Systems of Minnesota Building, 60 Empire Dr., St. Paul, Minnesota 55103.

The purpose of the meeting will be to further evaluate responses to the RFP submitted by firms providing actuarial services and conduct personal interviews of representatives of the firms selected as finalists.

Questions or comments can be submitted by calling, emailing or writing:

John Wicklund, Assistant Executive Director-Administration
Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association
60 Empire Drive, Suite 400
Saint Paul, MN 55103-4000
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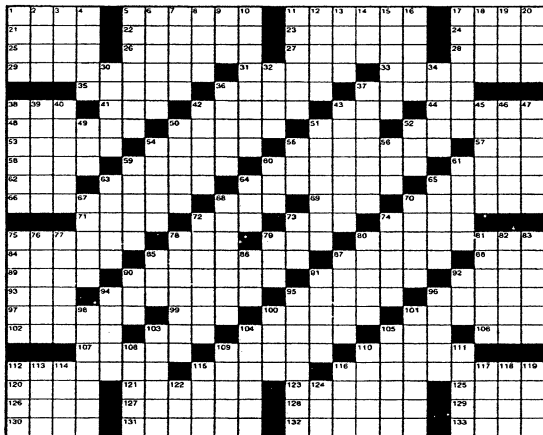
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Wednesday, June 15, 2011 - 3:00 p.m.

Metropolitan Council Chambers 390 North Robert Street St. Paul, Minnesota

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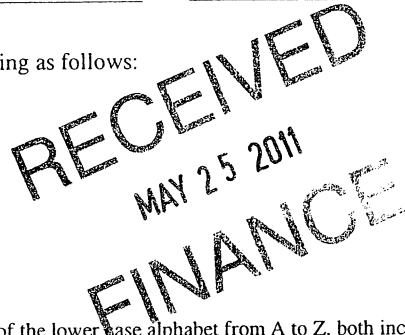
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Carrie Retzack

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Managing Editor

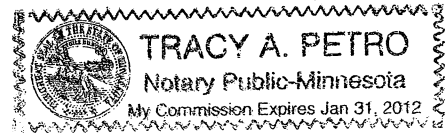
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[Handwritten signature of Tracy A. Petro]



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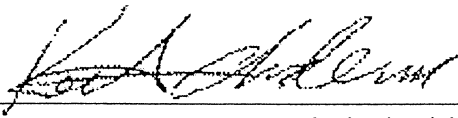
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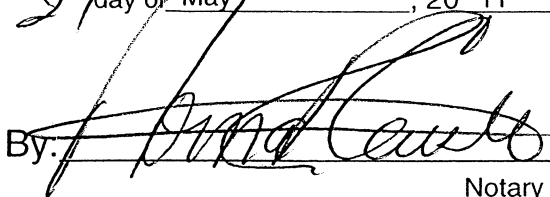
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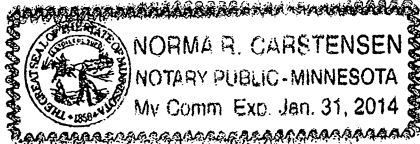


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ROSEMOUNT TOWN PAGES

BY: Peri Williams

TITLE: **Legal Notice Clerk**

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 26TH DAY OF MAY 2011

[Signature]
Notary Public

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Affidavit of Publication Southwest Newspapers

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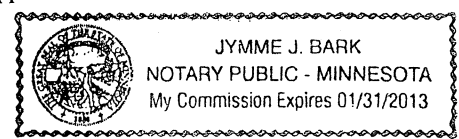
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By: Laurie A. Hartmann
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Subscribed and sworn before me on

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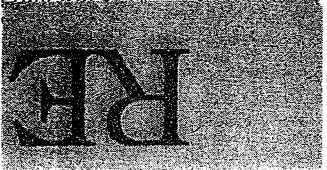
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NOTICE: The above Mortgage Foreclosure Sale is hereby postponed to Friday, December 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center, 15015 62nd Street N., City of Stillwater in said County and State.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
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(651) 291-8895
St. Paul, MN 55101
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Assignee of Mortgage
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Company as Trustee for the GSAAL
Trust
By: Steven H. Bruns
Attorney for Deutsche Home Equity as Trustee for the GSAAL
Trust
Paterson, Fran H. Bruns
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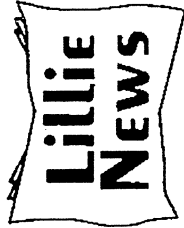
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Attachment B

Public Hearing presentation materials.

- Presentation by Metropolitan Council on the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Presentation by MnDOT Metro District on highway funding.
- Presentation by Metropolitan Council on transit funding.

2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

FOR THE
MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL
METROPOLITAN AREA

TIP

- Key Responsibility of TAB: Prepare, Adopt and Maintain TIP
- Locally Elected Officials Must Program Federal Funds
- Regionally Selected STP, CMAQ, Enhancement Projects Included
- Amendments as Needed

2012-2015 TIP Schedule

What is a TIP?

- Four-year list of transportation projects funded in whole or part with Federal \$
- "Regional Capital Improvement Program" for use of federal transportation funds
- Includes some non-capital activities
- Provides connection between regional planning and federal implementation assistance
- Assures conformity with Clean Air Act Requirements

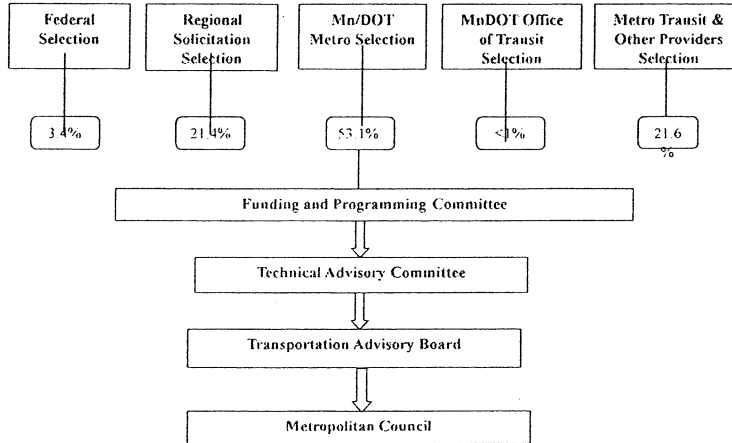
TIP Specifics

- Required for all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Must include all projects funded with federal transportation funds and projects that affect air quality prioritized by year
- Council's "Program of Projects" (POP), Transit Expenditures
- Covers 4 years
- Revised/Adopted Annually
- Reasonable opportunity for public input

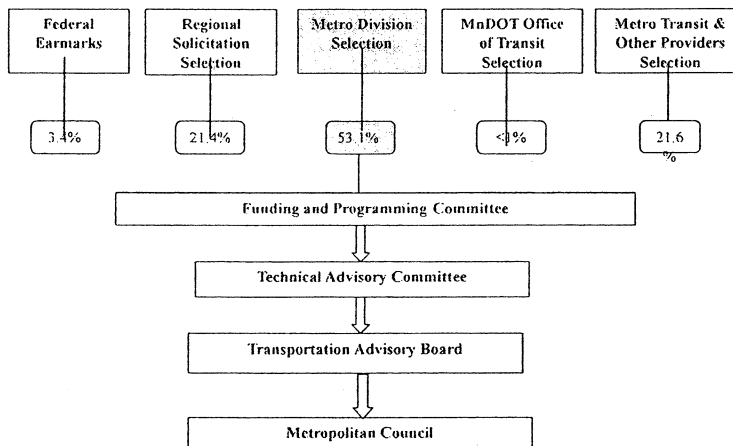
Key Criteria for TIP and Amendment Approvals

- Consistent with expected funding level – fiscally balanced TIP
- Consistent with regional transportation plan
- In conformity with Clean Air Act requirements

**Twin Cities Transportation Capital Funding Process
Percentage of Funding Source 2012-2015 TIP**



**Twin Cities Transportation Capital Funding Process
Percentage of Funding Source 2012-2015 TIP
(MnDOT selection includes state projects)**



Source of Funds 4 Year Summary

- Federal Title I - \$944 Million
- Federal Title III - \$455 Million
- Property Tax and State Taxes – \$520 Million
- Trunk Highway - \$796 Million
- *Total - \$2.715 Billion*

Allocation by Work Type Consistency with TPP

	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total	
					\$\$	%
Preservation	183	285	233	219	920	52.3%
Manage	33	45	52	40	170	9.7%
Expansion	64	34	26	81	205	11.6%
Setasides for R/W, Cost Overruns, Sup Agreements	73	47	61	31	212	12.0%
Other (agreements, enhancements, transit)	74	75	63	41	253	14.4%
TOTAL FED/STATE FUNDS	427	486	435	412	1760	100.0%
Local Funds	86	37	245	22	390	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	513	523	680	434	2150	
Advance Construction	183	285	233	219	920	52.3%

Projects Completed

Major Projects completed in previous year:

- I-494/TH 61 Interchange Construction


2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

James Andrew


Senior Transportation Planner

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MnDOT Metro District Program Summary
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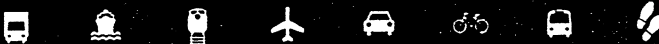


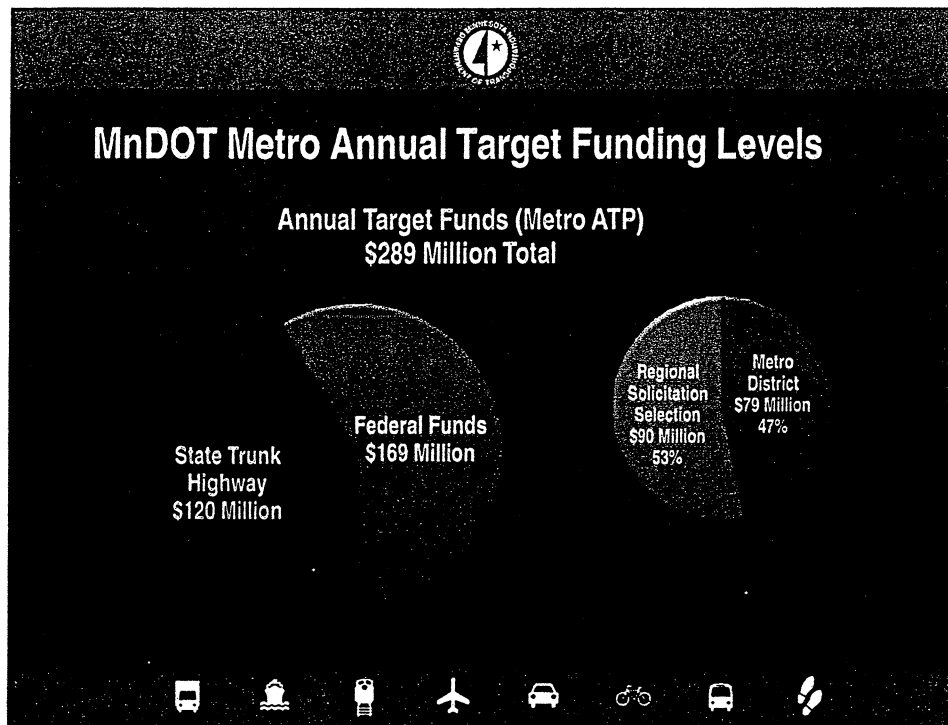
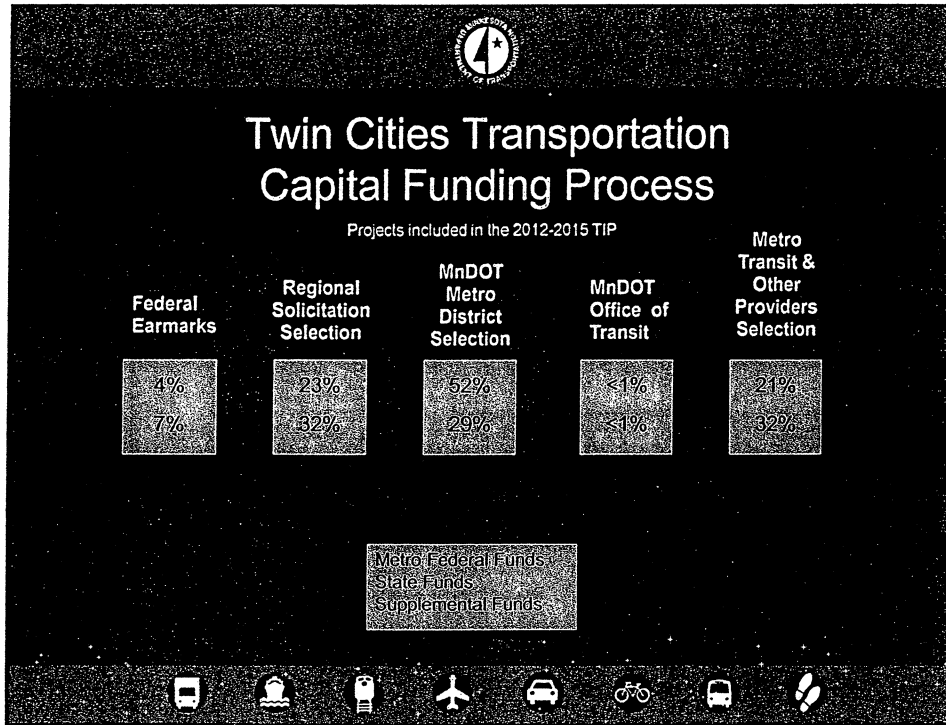
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Overview

- Revenue Assumptions
- MnDOT Metro Project Selection Process
- Programmed Investments
- Better Roads
- Key projects included in 2012- 2015 TIP
- Summary









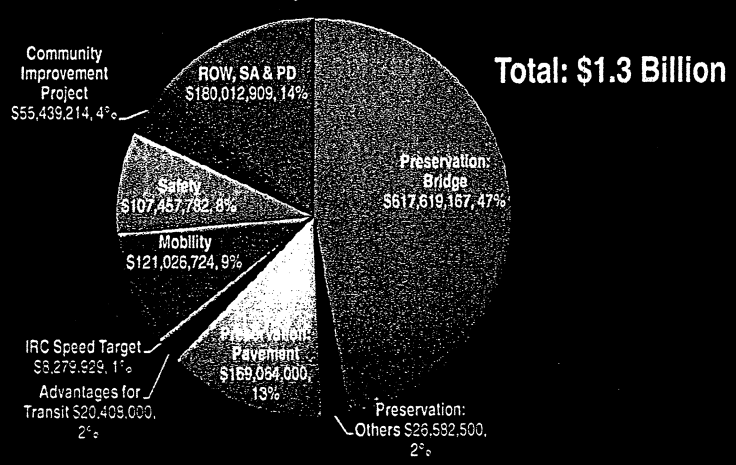
Supplemental Funding (2012-2015 STIP) Centrally Programmed by MnDOT

- TH Bonds - \$317M
- Statewide Bridge Preservation Funds - \$171M
- Additional Federal Funds - \$13.5M





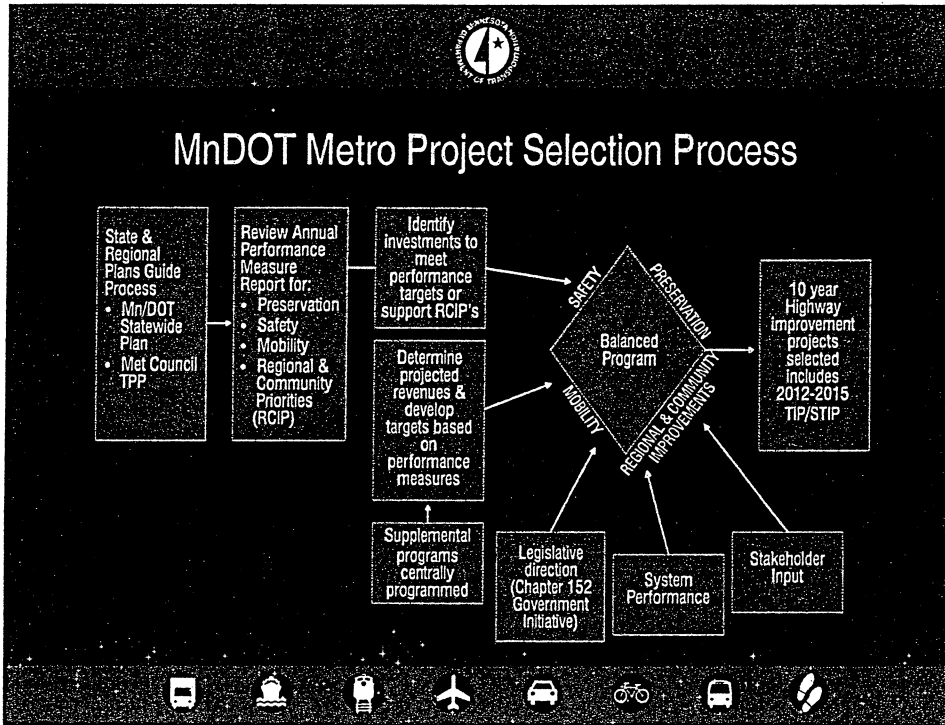
MnDOT Metro Highway 2012-2015 Investments by Performance Area

Total: \$1.3 Billion



Performance Area	Amount	Percentage
Preservation: Bridge	\$617,619,167	47%
ROW, SA & PD	\$180,012,909	14%
Preservation: Pavement	\$169,094,000	13%
Mobility	\$121,026,724	9%
Safety	\$107,457,762	8%
Community Improvement Project	\$55,439,214	4%
Preservation: Others	\$26,592,500	2%
IRC Speed Target / Advantages for Transit	\$8,279,929	1%

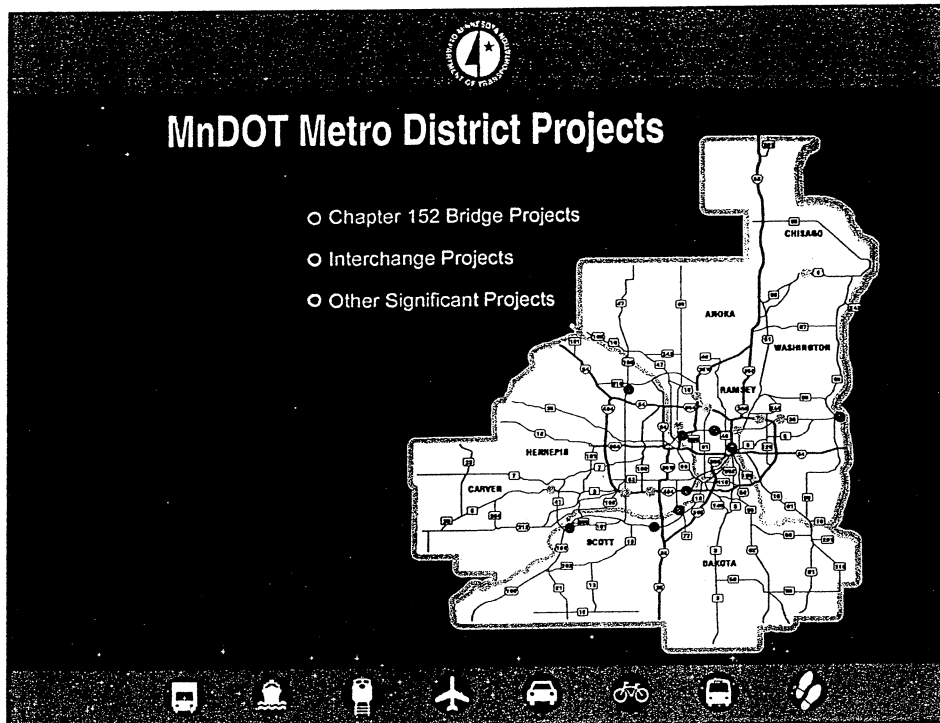




Better Roads Program

- \$398 million program statewide over 4 years (including debt service)
- Improvements selected based on statewide priority
- Funding from existing sources – including contingencies and bid savings
- Objective is to reduce the mileage of “poor” pavements, providing a more sustainable approach to pavement
- \$90 million in Metro (projects will be added to TIP)

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Summary

- MnDOT Metro Target approximately \$200M/year
- Supplemental funds currently available
- Project selection based on policy plan investment guidance and current system performance
- Even with “Balanced Program” approach, the main emphasis is still in preserving the system
- Investments in 2012-2015 TIP reflect performance based needs

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MnDOT Metro District Key Projects

(2012-2015 STIP)

Projected Year of Construction	TH	Project Location	Investment Category	Project Description	Total Construction Project Estimate In 2012-2015 STIP (Millions)
Chapter 152 Bridge Projects					
2012-2013	I-35E	Cayuga & Maryland Bridge	Infrastructure Preservation – Chapter 152	University Ave to north of Maryland- Reconstruct including new Cayuga and Maryland Bridges	\$141.2
2014-2015	MN36	West of Northwestern Ave to St. Croix River, including a new St Croix River Crossing	Infrastructure Preservation – Chapter 152	New bridge over St. Croix River including ramps on and off TH95, and reconstruct TH36 roadway	New bridge (FY14): \$416.75 (\$223.025 MnDOT share) Roadway pieces (FY15): \$61.5M
2015	MN36	Lexington Bridge	Infrastructure Preservation – Chapter 152	Replace Bridge	\$24
2015	MN77	Over MN River	Infrastructure Preservation – Chapter 152	Paint north/sound bound and pedestrian bridges and replace guardrail	\$2.4
Interchange Projects					
2012	I-35W	3 rd /4 th St Ramp to Johnson St	Mobility	Construct entrance ramp and add auxiliary lane	\$13.5
2013	MN13	At CSAH 5	Mobility	Construct interchange, access closures, frontage roads	\$27.9
2013	US 169	At 93 rd Ave	Mobility	Convert existing intersection to a folded diamond half interchange	\$11.975
2013	I-494	At 34 th Ave	Mobility	Interchange construction	\$6
2014	US 169	At CR69	Mobility	Interchange construction	\$15.4

MnDOT Metro District Key Projects

(2012-2015 STIP)

Other Significant Projects					
2012	I-694	MN 51/TH10	Mobility	Interchange reconstruction	\$45
2012	I-694	40 th St to W of US 61.	Pavement Preservation	Unbonded concrete overlay, reconstruct ramps and loops, acceleration lane	\$18.3
2012	I-35W	At TH 10	Bridge Preservation	Bridge replacement	\$8.7
2012	US 8	West of Shoquist Lane to east of Irene Ave in Lindstrom	Safety	Construction of capacity and safety improvements and replace bridge	\$12.9
2012	MN 5	West of CSAH 11 to East of TH 41	Bridge Preservation	Bridge replacement, M/O, add turn lanes	\$9.03
2012	MN 36	At Hilton Trail	Safety	Reconstruct to grade-separated interchange, frontage road, access modifications	\$11.3
2013	MN 36	Over Keller Lake	Bridge Preservation	Bridge replacement	\$3.7
2013	MN 65	North of 14 th Ave in Mpls	Bridge Preservation	Railroad bridge replacement	\$11.7
2013	I-494	I35W to TH100	Mobility	Add auxiliary lane west bound	\$8.2
2013-2014	169-I494	Interchange	Mobility	Remove three signals, connect north and south frontage roads under Highway 169, convert expressway to freeway, construct noise barriers/visual barriers, construct drainage and water quality facilities	\$34 AC Payback

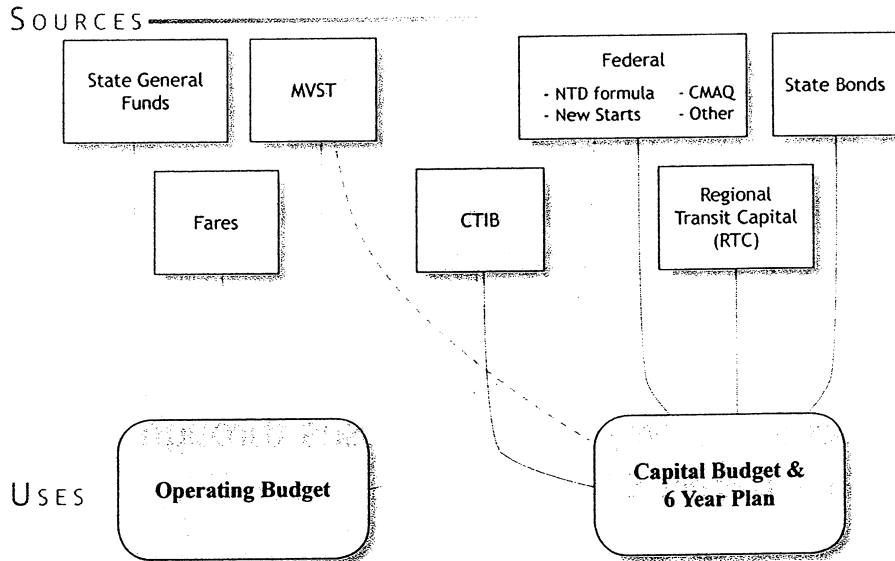
Transit Funding and the TIP

TAB Programming
May 18, 2011

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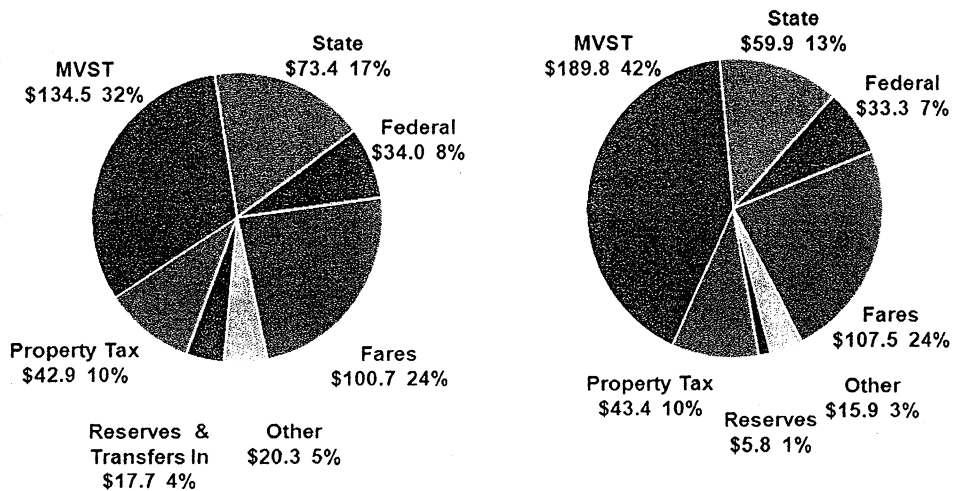
Transit Funding Sources and Uses



Transit Operating Funding Sources

2010 Adopted - \$423.5M

2011 Proposed - \$455.6M



Capital Planning

Council annually prepares a 6-year transit Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

CIP includes all local, state and federal (formula and competitive) funds expected to be received by the Council

CIP includes funds that Council (as designated federal recipient) receives/passes through to other transit entities

CIP Priorities

Maintain Current System

- Replace vehicles per fleet management plans
- Maintain & repair existing facilities

Build Transitways

- Central Corridor
- Other Transitways

Expansion

- Provide fleet and facilities expansion where demand exists or is anticipated
- Seek to meet 2020 goal of 50% ridership increase

Metropolitan Transit Capital Funding Sources

Federal funds: Largest source of transit capital funding, amount varies depending on competitive grants

Regional Transit Capital Bonds: About \$35 M annually in property-tax supported bonds levied within transit taxing district

State bonds: Appropriated primarily for transitways and major bus facilities

CTIB Sales Tax: Grants awarded for transitway capital and operating expenses, CTIB pays 30% of capital costs

Federal Revenue Sources

Federal NTD formula funds (approximately \$60M annually)

New Starts program (competitively awarded)


Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)

- Competitively awarded through local MPO solicitation process
- Approximately \$25M annually for transit

Discretionary Capital Grants (Earmarks)

JARC/New Freedoms (\$1-\$2 M annually)

Other federal programs (ARRA, TIGER, etc..)

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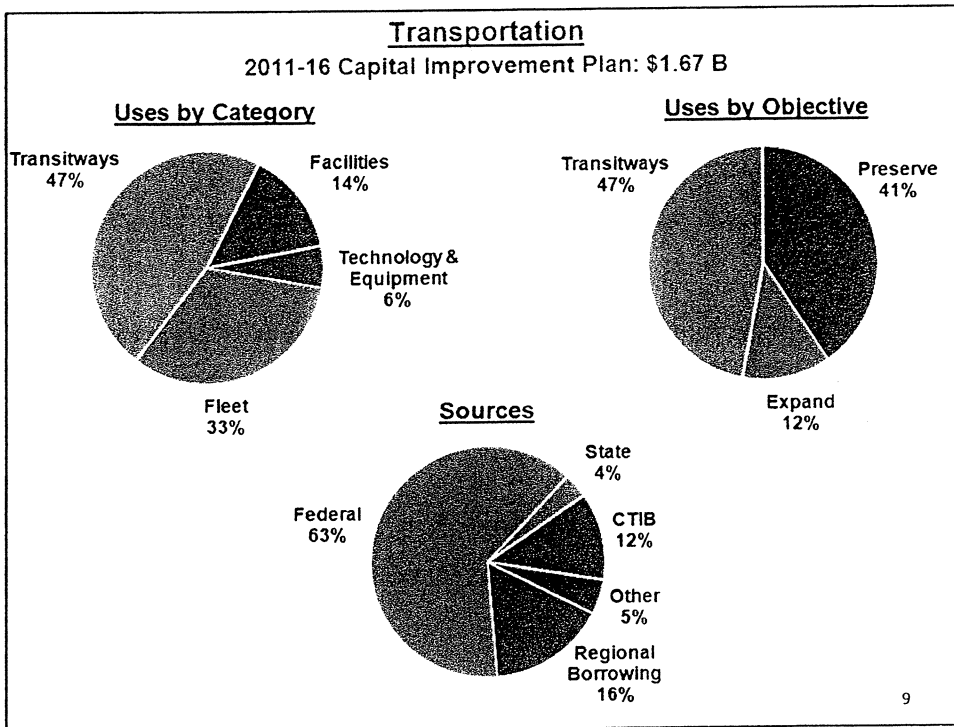
Transit Capital Spending

Capital spending is about \$140-\$160 M annually (excluding major transitways)

Spending primarily for fleet replacement, existing fleet and facility maintenance, park and rides, garages & other facilities, technology, limited expansion

Major transitway construction can more than double annual capital spending, i.e. Central Corridor will average \$200+ M per year

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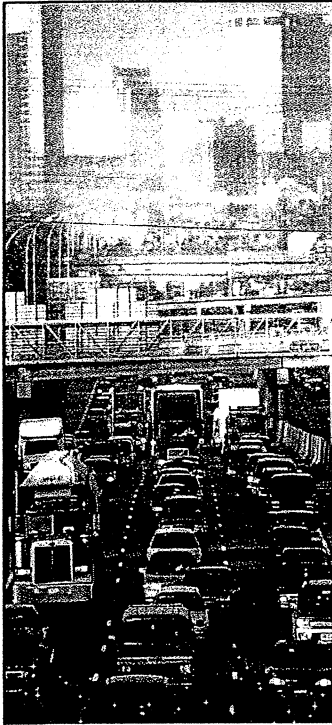
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Transit in the TIP

The TIP includes:

- All transit projects with federal funding, both capital and operating
- Projects planned to use federal formula funds
- Transit projects funded with CMAQ through the regional solicitation
- Federal transit grants and earmarks awarded to the Council and others

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Attachment C

- Public Hearing report.
- All public comments and staff responses.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

3:00 P.M.

Public Hearing on the DRAFT 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

CALL TO ORDER

Transportation Advisory Board Chair William Hargis called the public hearing on the DRAFT 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area to order at 3:00 pm, June 15, 2011, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

Staff present:

Amy Vennewitz, MTS

Scott McBride, MnDOT

Kevin Roggenbuck, MTS

Pat Bursaw, MnDOT

Carl Ohrn, MTS

James Andrew, MTS

The 2012-2015 TIP was reviewed via presentation by J. Andrew, P. Bursaw and A. Vennewitz.

There were five members of the public present to observe and comment.

Bill Neuendorf, Transit for Livable Communities Policy and Advocacy Program Director, commented that there are a significant number of road expansion projects in the TIP and asked how the region will manage expansion and maintenance of those expansions if it cannot maintain the system that is in place today. Neuendorf stated that this is not a formal testimony.

Those present were reminded of the public comment period and encouraged to submit their comments as directed on the Metro Council website.

B. Hargis told those present that the TAB has passed a motion that public comment period for the 2012-2015 TIP will be extended in the event of a state government shutdown.

ADJOURNMENT

Hargis adjourned the public hearing on the DRAFT 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area at 3:56 pm on Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary

Roggenbuck, Kevin

To: Roggenbuck, Kevin
Subject: FW: CCLRT in the TIP/STIP
Attachments: FFGA, Attachment 6.pdf

From: Fuhrmann, Mark
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 4:01 PM
To: Gustafson, Mary; Andrew, James
Cc: Roggenbuck, Kevin; McCarthy, Arlene; Ohrn, Carl
Subject: RE: CCLRT in the TIP/STIP

Thank you Mary and James for following up. The CCLRT FFGA Attachment 6 provided in Mary's e-mail was the final FFGA *application* from last August. It is not current or correct.

Please find the CCLRT FFGA Attachment 6 per the executed agreement. The total federal funding does not change; however, the annual installments do. Please use this Attachment 6 for inputs to the TIP/STIP.

Thanks, Mark

Final

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20590**

FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

CENTRAL CORRIDOR LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT

MN-03-0200-04

Attachment 6

**Metropolitan Council
St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota
Central Corridor Light Rail Project**

Schedule of Federal Funds

Section 3043(c)(134) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144; Aug. 10, 2005) authorizes FTA to award Federal capital new starts funds for final design and construction of the Central Corridor Light Rail Project (the "Project"). In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and FTA Circular 5200.1A, Full Funding Grant Agreements Guidance (December 5, 2002), by the execution of this Agreement the Government is limiting its commitment to provide new starts funding for the Project to those funds that have been or may be appropriated during the term of SAFETEA-LU and subsequent authorizations. The Government and the Grantee recognize, moreover, that the period of time necessary to complete the Project may extend beyond SAFETEA-LU, as evidenced by Attachment 4 to this Agreement (Baseline Schedule).

Currently, the Government and the Grantee anticipate that the Federal capital new starts funds will be provided for the Project as follows:

Proposed Schedule of Federal Funds

Fiscal Year	Federal		Local Funds*	Total
	Section 5309 New Starts Funds	CMAQ		
FY 2010 and Prior	\$35,175,225	\$4,500,000	\$169,896,580	\$209,571,805
FY 2011	\$45,000,000		\$156,432,891	\$201,432,891
FY 2012	\$98,443,694		\$116,999,633	\$215,443,327
FY 2013	\$98,443,694		\$16,000,000	\$114,443,694
FY 2014	\$98,443,694		\$19,120,896	\$117,564,590
FY 2015	\$98,443,693			\$98,443,693
Central Corridor Total	\$473,950,000	\$4,500,000	\$478,450,000	\$956,900,000

* Sources of local funding include Counties Transit Improvement Board, State of Minnesota, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, City of St. Paul, Central Corridor Funders Collaborative, and Metropolitan Council Regional Transit Capital revenues and bond proceeds.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

TO: Metropolitan Area Transportation Stakeholders and Citizens:
FROM: Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst, Metropolitan Council
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Transportation Coordinator
DATE: July 14, 2011
RE: Draft 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities
Metropolitan Area: Report on public comments and staff recommendations.

The Transportation Advisory Board held a 45-day public comment period on the draft 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program, beginning on May 18 and ending on July 5, 2011. All comments received at the public hearing held on June 15, 2011 and all written comments received by the close of the public comment period are attached to this memo. Below is a summary of the comments received during the public comment period with staff response and recommendations.

COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, Metro Transit.

Mary Gustafson, Grants Manager, Metro Transit

Staff received an email and attachment dated June 10, 2011 with the following comment:

Metro Transit: 1) Please include federal Section 5309 New Starts Funds for the Central Corridor Light Rail Project in the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program per the Full Funding Grant Agreement (attached).

Staff response and recommendation: The Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) was signed by Federal Transit Administration officials and other CCLRT partners on April 26, 2011. The FFGA identifies the amounts of federal Section 5309 New Starts Funding in years 2011 through 2015. Staff recommends that the 2012-2015 TIP be revised to include the Central Corridor LRT New Starts funding described in the FFGA Schedule of Federal Funds.

Scott McBride, Metro District Engineer, Minnesota Dept. of Transportation.

Staff received a letter dated June 30, 2011 requesting that a number of changes be made to state and local projects listed in the Public Hearing copy of the draft 2012-2015 TIP. Attached to the letter were several tables listing projects to be deferred, projects to be deleted, projects to be advanced and a table of new projects to be added.

Staff response and recommendation: The changes described in the tables sent with Mr. McBride's letter reflect MnDOT's normal end of fiscal year balancing changes, updated project cost estimates, new project funding commitments and projects shifting among program years within the TIP timeframe. Staff recommends that the changes provided in the attached tables be incorporated into the 2012-2015 TIP.

Bill Neuendorf, Director of Advocacy and Policy, Transit for Livable Communities.

Staff received a letter dated July 5, 2011 with the following four comments:

TLC: (1) Although the primary focus of MnDOT is preservation of existing infrastructure, a significant amount of investment dollars continue to be directed to highway expansion projects. We recommend that highway expansion projects be temporarily deferred and that road investment be shifted to maintenance and preservation of the existing infrastructure.

Staff response and recommendation: The draft 2012-2015 TIP shows the allocation of federal Title I and State Trunk Highway funds by work type on Table 9, page 52. MnDOT allocates most of this combined funding through their own process that is consistent with the goals and policies in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan. The table shows that more than half of all Title I and State Trunk Highway funds in the 2012-2015 TIP are programmed for preservation projects, while slightly more than 11% is programmed for expansion projects. Staff believes the allocation of these funds is in line with MnDOT's priorities for highway funding and is consistent with the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan. The TAB does not have the authority to temporarily defer MnDOT's highway expansion projects in favor of maintenance and preservation projects.

TLC: (2) Funding for the proposed St. Croix River Crossing near Stillwater seems excessive based on the economic return to Minnesota. The proposed solution does not comply with MnDOT's low-cost/high-benefit approach. More cost effective solutions than the proposed 4-lane freeway style bridge exist and should be reconsidered.

Staff response and recommendation: Study and planning for a new St. Croix River crossing has been ongoing for many years through an open, public process, including the evaluation of lower cost alternatives. MnDOT and project stakeholders have endorsed the 4-lane bridge option over other lower-cost proposals. Funding is available for the project and it is identified in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan as well as the 2012-2015 TIP.

TLC: (3) While funding for transit operations and the Central Corridor project is commendable, the metro region's overall transit system still lags behind comparable U.S. cities. We support greater investment in transit to achieve meaningful step towards the regional goal of a multi-branched transitway system by 2030.

Staff response and recommendation: The region also supports increased funding for public transit and the development of transitways as described in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

TLC: (4) Several new park-and-ride commuter facilities are proposed to be funded with CMAQ. While these facilities provide a benefit to commuters, funding is also needed to support ongoing development of the numerous components of the Southwest Corridor transitway, including the multi-modal Interchange hub, and improved arterial and local bus service. We recommend increasing future investment in all aspects of public transit to enhance the overall transportation network that makes the region economically competitive for years to come.

Staff response and recommendation: The region also supports increased funding for public transit and the development of transitways as described in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.



Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Waters Edge

1500 West County Road B-2

Roseville, MN 55113-3174

June 30, 2011

William Hargis, Chair
Transportation Advisory Board
Metropolitan Council
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mr. Hargis:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has worked closely with the staff of the Metropolitan Council and the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in development of the draft 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Information was supplied in April and May, 2011 for development of the project tables. Several minor changes have occurred since that time, including end-of-year changes affecting a number of individual projects.

A significant change to emphasize is the inclusion of projects selected as part of the Better Roads for a Better Minnesota (Better Roads) program in the final TIP for 2012. The Better Roads program is a statewide effort to improve the condition of Minnesota State Highways. This program had not been announced and the timing of the projects was not known when the draft was developed in May. Any other changes as part of the implementation of the Better Roads program will be identified by amendment to the TIP.

Another important addition to the final TIP is the funding for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project. The CCLRT project can be included at this time now that the Full Funding Grant Agreement has been approved.

Another item of note is the Advanced Construction (AC) payback of \$26 million associated with the TH 169/I-494. These funds are shown as advancing from 2014 to 2011. Metro District is able to advance this payback as a result of bid savings on several significant projects, and as a necessary part of managing local federal program deferrals.

While MnDOT has been able to accommodate deferrals in the local federal program in previous years, the current TIP and associated funding assumptions indicate that our ability to accommodate future shifts in this timeframe will be very limited. This is due to the magnitude of the shifts in regionally selected projects from 2011 to other program years, as well as the uncertainty of future federal funding levels and categories.

With the proposed changes, we believe that the TIP remains fiscally balanced in the first two years, and generally balanced in the remaining years. These proposed changes do not affect the air quality conformity analysis of the TIP, as we have discussed with staff of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Metropolitan Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2012-2015 TIP for the Twin Cities area by providing these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott McBride". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "S" and "M".

Scott McBride, P.E.
Metro District Engineer

cc:

Arlene McCarthy
Carl Ohrn
James Andrew
Kevin Roggenbuck
Tim Mayasich
Karl Keel
Innocent Eyoh
Mark Gieseke
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Cindy Krumsieg
Susan Moe
Brian Isaacson

PROPOSED CHANGES TO TWIN CITIES DRAFT TIP 2012-2015

June 30, 2011

CHANGES Since the April 2011 Draft TIP

Projects Deferred

Table	Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Deferral Year	AQ
A-6	098-080-034	CITY	**MN34** Newport north ravine, Sterling to Hastings Ave, Newport-erosion & rate control project to provide relief to Wakota storm water system	1,594,185	2011 to 2012	NC
A-2	010-090-003	PED/BIKE	W parking lot, Minnewashta Reg Park, to Minnetonka W Middle School including underpass, TH 41, Chanhassen-construct ped/bike trail, underpass, etc	1,362,500	2011 to 2012	AQ2
A-2	091-090-056	PED/BIKE	Cherokee Regional Park-construct ped/bike trail, overlooks, etc along S bluff of Miss River	2,640,000	2011 to 2012	AQ2
A-19	157-091-005	PED/BIKE	SECT 1807: Non-motorized pilot program in Twin Cities-construct Girard Ave/Humboldt Ave Bike St in Richfield	100,000	2011 to 2012	AQ2
A-19	157-091-006	PED/BIKE	SECT 1807: Non-motorized pilot program in Twin Cities-construct Richfield parkway trail	150,000	2011 to 2012	AQ2
A-10	2713-102	MN 12	From Old Crystal Bay Road N to the Luce Line crossing in Orono - remove paved berm, regrade behind curb, add catch basins	125,000	2011 to 2012	AQ2
A-1	TRS-TCMT-13E	CMAQ	CMAQ: Purchase of three LRT vehicles for Hiawatha LRT	10,500,000	2011 to 2013	T10
A-10	2770-01	MN 952A	3rd Ave ramp in Mpls from NW end of Br 27816 N to Jct of I94 & WB ramp from Washington Ave - bus shoulder replacement	1,020,000	2012 to 2013	S4
A-2	138-010-012	EN	Keller Lake water-quality improvement project-mitigate Hwy 36 & Hwy 61 runoff by channeling stormwater through 3 wetland treatment ponds	910,000	2012 to 2014	O9
A-7	2783-128	I 35W	NB, under Henn Ave to Stinson Blvd exit ramp, Mpls - install drainage system, NB shoulder/ditch	720,000	2012 to 2014	NC

Project Deletions

Table	Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Deleted From	AQ
A-2	091-090-049	PED/BIKE	Beltline Blvd, St Louis Park-construct bridge on Hopkins to Midtown Greenway Regional LRT trail (project withdrawn)	1,284,000	2012	O9
A-10	1909-91	MN 55	N Jct MN 149 (Dodd Rd), Eagan-replace traffic signal	250,000	2012	E2
A-10	6280-347	I 35E	Maryland Ave to Roselawn Ave, St Paul-replace lighting	430,000	2012	S18
A-10	8205-133	US 61	At SE quad TH 10 in Denmark Twsp-resurface park & ride lot, stripe, drainage(project dropped from draft ATIP)	150,000	2013	E6

Table	Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Deleted From	AQ
A-10	1980-79	I 35	Northbound from 162nd St (Dakota CSAH 46) in Lakeville to just S Crystal Lk Rd in Burnsville-construct NB bus shoulder, drainage, signs and guardrail upgrade	415,000	2013	S4

Advanced Projects

Table	Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Advance From	AQ
A-3	010-610-043	CSAH 10	From TH 7 to Newton Ave in Watertown & Carver CSAH 92 from N of CR 155 to Carver/Hennepin County line-mill & overlay on travel lanes and shoulder paving	1,703,825	2012 to 2011	S10
A-3	027-610-031	CSAH 10	At various locations in Hennepin County-bituminous mill and overlay	2,199,125	2012 to 2011	S10
A-3	027-752-025	CSAH 152	On Cedar Ave(Hennepin CSAH 152) over Washington Ave (Hennepin CSAH 122) in Mpls - recondition deck on bridge #27030, ped enhancements	925,000	2012 to 2011	S19
A-3	027-617-028	CSAH 17	On France Ave (Hennepin CSAH 17) from TH 62 in Richfield to I494 in Bloomington - concrete pavement repair	600,000	2012 to 2011	S10
A-3	082-619-021	CSAH 19	Washington CSAH 19(Keats Ave/Woodbury Dr), from TH 61 in Cottage Grove to south of Washington CSAH 18(Bailey Rd) in Woodbury - pavement rehabilitation	1,771,450	2012 to 2011	S10
A-3	070-642-023	CSAH 42	From Louisiana to Scott CSAH 27 in Savage & from just east of CH 21 to Boone Ave in Prior Lake - pavement rehabilitation, ADA compliance for pedestrian curb returns	2,630,000	2012 to 2011	S10
A-3	002-605-019	CSAH 5	CSAH 5(Nowthen Blvd) from TH 47 to Anoka CR 64(181st St) in Ramsey-pavement reclamation, ADA improvements, turn lanes	2,500,000	2012 to 2011	S10
A-3	062-665-049	CSAH 65	From White Bear Court to CR F (Birch St) in White Bear Lake - concrete pavement rehabilitation, ped curb ramp upgrades & APS installation	2,212,875	2012 to 2011	S10
A-3	019-670-010	CSAH 70	From Dakota CSAH 5/Kensington Blvd to Dakota CSAH 23(Cedar Ave) in Lakeville - bituminous overlay, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, loop detectors	2,200,000	2012 to 2011	S10
A-3	027-030-023	Local 999	Along Hennepin CSAH 23, CSAH 36 and CSAH 152 - pedestrian ramp retrofits	500,000	2012 to 2011	AQ2
A-3	027-030-024	Local 999	Various locations in North Mpls - pedestrian ramp retrofits	500,000	2012 to 2011	AQ2

A-7	6285-135	I694	At interchange of I694/TH51/TH10 & on I694 at Island Lake channel-reconstruct interchange including grading, surfacing & replacing 7 bridges (Br # 9301, 9302, 9310, 9311, 9312, 9447, 9448) with 6 new bridges (Br # 62716, 62717, 62719, 62720, 62051, 62052) and replacing 2 bridges (Br # 9209, 9210 being removed and replaced with 62723, 62724) over Island Lake channel(low cost-high benefit project)(AC project, payback in 2012)	42,484,915	2012 to 2011	S6
A-10	1903-07	MN 20	MN 19, Cannon Falls to MN 50, Douglas Twp-replace signing	37,676	2012 to 2011	O7
A-3	2776-03AC3	US 169	Highway 169/I494 interchange improvements, MN(AC payback, 3 of 3)	26,000,000	2014 to 2011	A15
A-7	6282-62867	I 94	At Chatsworth Street in St. Paul-replace pedestrian bridge #9736, guardrail, TMS(2012 ADA project)	950,000	2015 to 2012	S19

Additions - New Projects Added to the Draft 2012-2015 TIP

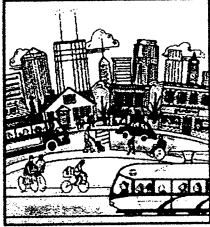
Table	Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Added To	AQ
A-12	CCLRT-11	BB	Sect 5309: Central corridor light rail transit project-New Start FFGA 2011 appropriation	201,432,891	2012	T10
A-12	CCLRT-12	BB	Sect 5309: Central corridor light rail transit project-New Start FFGA 2012 appropriation	215,443,327	2012	T10
A-19	127-091-001	PED/BIKE	SECT 1807: Non-Motorized pilot program in Twin Cities -nice ride Minnesota-Mpls & parts of St Paul expansion	150,000	2012	AQ2
A-19	164-091-014	PED/BIKE	SECT 1807: Non-motorized pilot program in twin cities -St Paul bike library project for 2012	110,000	2012	AQ2
A-7	6285-135AC	I 694	At interchange of I694/TH51/TH10 & on I694 at Island Lake channel-reconstruct interchange including grading, surfacing & replacing 7 bridges (Br # 9301, 9302, 9310, 9311, 9312, 9447, 9448) with 6 new bridges (Br # 62716, 62717, 62719, 62720, 62051, 62052) and replacing 2 bridges (Br # 9209, 9210 being removed and replaced with 62723, 62724) over Island Lake channel(low cost-high benefit project)(AC payback 1 of 1)	27,436,423	2012	S6
A-19	8816-1438	I 94	Feasibility study of low cost improvements and interchange improvements and ramp connections on I94 between Mpls and St Paul that will permit MNPass Hot Lane operation	500,000	2012	O1

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A-4	1901-168	MN 13	**BR4M** From I35W in Burnsville to north of Cherokee Hgts Blvd in Mendota Heights(exception areas between TM 104.841-106.247 & TM 107.705-109.317)-mill & overlay, turn lanes (\$300K in Dist C FHWA is DPS funds)	11,400,000	2012	S10
A-10	7002-43	MN 21	A+ Sand Creek in Jordan - replace retaining wall	500,000	2012	NC
A-10	7002-44	MN 21	**BR4M** From Mill St in Jordan to Jct US169 in Sand Creek Twp (include all ramps at US169)-mill & overlay and ADA improvements	1,030,000	2012	S10
A-9	2722-81	MN 55	**BR4M** From Ash St in Rockford to just west of Hennepin CR-116(Pinto Rd) in Medina-bit mill and overlay, turn lanes, ADA improvements, drainage, guardrail(\$300K from Dist 3 in other; \$1.3M in Dist C FHWA is DPS funds)	9,350,000	2012	S10
A-10	2724-120	MN 55	From E 26th St to E 50th in Minneapolis-upgrade signal systems and install new controllers and cabinets	275,000	2012	S7
A-10	2774-20	MN 62	From MN100 in Edina to Penn Ave in Richfield/Minneapolis- replace lighting	525,000	2012	S18
A-10	2774-21	MN 62	**BR4M** from Tracy Ave in Edina to under Penn Ave bridge in Richfield/Minneapolis-medium mill & overlay (associated to non-prime SP 2763-48)	4,500,000	2012	S10
A-10	0207-101	MN 65	**BR4M** From 40th Ave in Columbia Hts to I694 in Fridley-ATM improvements	700,000	2012	S7
A-10	0208-145	MN 65	A+ Anoka CSAH 116 in Ham Lake - construct two NB left turn lanes, extend SB left turn lane, and signal revisions	500,400	2012	S6
A-9	0208-146	MN 65	**BR4M** From N of 217 th Ave to Anoka/Isanti Co line in East Bethel-unbonded concrete overlay, drainage repair, ADA improvements, turn lanes (\$300k in dist C FHWA is DPS funds)	10,031,000	2012	S10
A-10	1925-53	MN 77	**BR4M** From 138th S in Apple Valley to south of MN13 in Eagan - minor concrete pavement rehab, ADA and guardrail upgrades	5,800,000	2012	S10
A-10	1925-54	MN 77	**BR4M** from south of MN13 to S end of Minn River bridge (Dakota/Hennepin Co line) in Eagan-mill & overlay, ADA and guardrail upgrades	1,730,000	2012	S10
A-10	8825-427	MN 999	Metrowide-light pole & signal loop replacement	300,000	2012	S18
A-9	1928-64	US 52	**BR4M** From MN55 to I494 in Inver Grove Hts-bit mill & overlay, drainage, ADA improvements, and TMS	4,350,000	2012	S10

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A-12	CCLRT-13	BB	SECT 5309: Central Corridor Light Rail transit project-New Start FFGA 2013 appropriation	114,443,694	2013	T10
A-10	1901-169	MN 13	From 0.4 mi W of I-35W to I-35W in Burnsville-reconstruct to concrete	825,000	2013	S10
A-12	CCLRT-14	BB	SECT 5309: Central Corridor Light Rail transit project-New Start FFGA 2014 appropriation	117,564,590	2014	T10
A-12	CCLRT-15	BB	SECT 5309: Central Corridor Light Rail transit project-New Start FFGA 2015 appropriation	98,443,694	2015	T10
A-10	880M-CM-15	MN 999	Metro setaside for lower cost congestion mgmt project for FY 2015	5,000,000	2015	NC
A-10	880M-TE-15	MN 999	Metro setaside for traffic engineering (\$50K) & WRE (\$80K) for FY 2015	130,000	2015	NC

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SUBJECT: Comments on Draft 2012-15 Transportation Improvement Plan (T.I.P.)

With the mindset of developing a highly functional multi-modal transportation network in the Twin Cities metro area, Transit for Livable Communities has reviewed the proposed T.I.P. and offers four comments regarding the projects proposed in the 2012-2015 period.

- (1) Although the primary focus of MnDOT is preservation of existing infrastructure, a significant amount of investment dollars continue to be directed to highway expansion projects. We recommend that highway expansion projects be temporarily deferred and that road investment be shifted to maintenance and preservation of the existing infrastructure.
- (2) Funding for the proposed St. Croix River Crossing near Stillwater seems excessive based on the economic return to Minnesota. The proposed solution does not comply with Mn/DOT's low-cost/high-benefit approach. More cost effective solutions than the proposed 4-lane freeway style bridge exist and should be reconsidered.
- (3) While funding for transit operations and the Central Corridor project is commendable, the metro region's overall transit system still lags behind comparable U.S. cities. We support greater investment in transit to achieve meaningful step towards the regional goal of a multi-branched transitway system by 2030.
- (4) Several new park-and-ride commuter facilities are proposed to be funded with CMAQ. While these facilities provide a benefit to commuters, funding is also needed to support ongoing development of the numerous components of the Southwest Corridor transitway, including the multi-modal Interchange hub, and improved arterial and local bus service. We recommend increasing future investment in all aspects of public transit to enhance the overall transportation network that makes the region economically competitive for years to come.

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