

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2012-09

DATE: February 9, 2012
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment Request for Metro Transit SP#TRF-TCMT-11A: Section 5307 funds for I-35E and CR 14 Park & Ride in Lino Lakes

MOTION: That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that adds Metro Transit SP#TRF-TCMT-11A: Section 5307 funds for I-35E and CR 14 Park & Ride in Lino Lakes.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This project was programmed for construction in 2011 of the 2011-2014 TIP but was not implemented due to environmental review and the land acquisition process. Parcels are ready to be acquired and the project has support from all parties involved. The funds need to be identified in the current TIP in order for the project to be authorized. The project is exempt from air quality analysis, is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and does not affect fiscal constraint because it uses previously programmed FTA Section 5307 funding and Regional Transit Capital bonds. Additional background material is attached.

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

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	January 19, 2012
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	February 1, 2012
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



January 12, 2012

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

Re: Amendment to the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
 State Project Number: Previously TRF-TCMT-11A

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the above referenced project(s) project in Program Year(s) 2012. The project(s) is/are being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STIP SEQ#	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	D I S T	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
	2012		M	BB	Previously TRF-TCMT-11A	Metropolitan Council/ Metro Transit	Sect 5307: Twin Cities Met Council MT – I35E & Co Rd 14 Park & Ride (Lino Lakes)	0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
B9	Bus Grant Capital Improvement	0	2,7000,000	0	0	2,160,000	0	540,000

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PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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

This amendment is requested to include a project in the 2012-2015 TIP that was previously identified and planned for in the 2011-2014 TIP (project # TRF-TCMT-11A), but was not completed because of delays in the environmental review and land acquisition process. The proposed project is for the development of a 300-space surface park-and-ride facility in the northwest quadrant of the I-35E & CSAH 14 interchange in Lino Lakes, MN.

Metro Transit currently operates four park-and-ride facilities along the I-35E corridor north of I-694. These park-and-ride facilities are located at the White Bear Township Theatre in White Bear Township, the Cub Foods in White Bear Township, the White Bear Lake Shopping in White Bear Lake and St. Genevieve Church in Centerville. These facilities are small relative to other regional park-and-ride facilities with the St. Genevieve, Theatre, and Cub Foods facilities having a capacity of 50 vehicles and the Shopping Center contain just 10 spaces. Collectively, 73 vehicles used these 160 spaces during the 2010 annual park-and-ride survey or were 44% occupied. The size of these facilities and the service that runs between them is believed to be inefficient. To improve service and increase transit use, Metro Transit is planning to construct a new 300-space, surface park-and-ride facility near the I-35E and Anoka CSAH 14 interchange in Lino Lakes, Minnesota. The proposed facility will provide express bus service to downtown St. Paul and will serve park-and-ride users residing in the northeast Metro. Constructing the facility in the proposed location will enable Metro Transit to concentrate and streamline express bus service in a location that has direct access to the freeway.

To enable construction of a park-and-ride facility in this location, Metro Transit will acquire approximately 5.5 acres of property in the northwest quadrant of the I-35E and CSAH 14 interchange. Metro Transit has communicated its interest in this property and the project to the owner of the subject property, Anoka County, the City of Lino Lakes and the City of Centerville. All parties are supportive of the project proceeding. The project was awarded State of Minnesota Chapter 152 Trunk Highway funds in 2010 via a competitive solicitation process run by MnDOT. Service from the new facility is intended to begin in 2013.

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

- New Money *(indicate type here) _____
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment of other projects _____
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside the ATP target _____
- Other - previously programmed FTA Section 5307 funding and Regional Transit Capital bonds X

* Defined as additional funds not previously programmed in the TIP.

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CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with 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 the US Department of Transportation for a conformity determination.

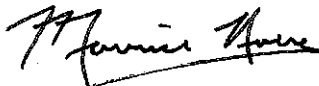
AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

*Exempt Project Category # E2 Bus Terminals and transfer point
Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 612-349-7684.

Sincerely,



Maurice Roers
Manager – Facilities Planning
Metro Transit

cc: Jon P. Solberg, MnDOT Metro Program Management
Cindy Krumsieg, MnDOT Metro Program Management
Mary Gustafson, Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit Grants

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