

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2010-30

**DATE:** April 14, 2010  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**SUBJECT:** 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment to include construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-35W in the city of Burnsville.

**MOTION:** That the TAB amends the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP #1981-123, I-35W Noise Wall.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** The project will build the required noise walls on the west side of I-35W from McAndrews Blvd. to Burnsville Parkway in the city of Burnsville in advance of expanding the MnPASS system 2 miles further south in Burnsville by 2012. The funding for this project comes from the Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP) funds. The east side noise walls will be constructed during the lane expansion work.

Additional background material is attached.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 18, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	April 7, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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March 18, 2010

Karl Keel, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
 230 East Fifth St.  
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: 1981-123 I35W Noise wall

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010-- 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2010. 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
2010	M	M	I35W	1981-123	MnDOT	West side of I-35W from McAndrews Blvd. to Burnsville Pkwy in the City of Burnsville – Noisewall construction	1.23

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
NO	Appurtenances	TCSP	\$2,000,000	0	0	1,600,000 (UPA – TCSP)	0	0	400,000 (UPA State TH Transit Bonds)	0

**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 STIP).

In August 2007, the Twin Cities was one of five regions selected nationally for an Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) award. Since that time several projects have been implemented utilizing most of the funds except for a small portion of the \$16.4M of Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP) funds.

In order to utilize the remaining funds, a work plan was submitted to Washington D.C. FHWA and approved in December 2009. The project will build the required noisewalls on the west side of I-35W in advance of expanding the MnPASS system 2 miles further south in Burnsville by 2012. This work is being separated out from the lane extension work to meet the Federal request to encumber TCSP funds by September 20, 2010. The east side noise walls will be constructed during the lane expansion work.

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

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

Fiscal constraint is maintained due to the funds being additional funding provided through the Unified Partnership Agreement funding awarded in 2007. These funds are in addition to formula federal funding. The match funds for this project are State Trunk Highway Bonds (Transit Bonds) approved by the Minnesota Legislature for the UPA projects.

**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: O-3 Noise Attenuation facilities pursuant to titles 23 and 49U.S.C. federal-aid systems revisions.

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**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 19, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651.234.7793

Sincerely,



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Metro District-Investment Management

cc: Nick Thompson, MnDOT  
Cindy Krumsieg, MnDOT Metro Investment Management