

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

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2010-40

**DATE:** June 10, 2010  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment for SP# 27-753-13; Lowry Ave. Bridge Replacement.

**MOTION:** That the TAB amends the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#27-753-13 Lowry Ave. Bridge Replacement Phase II.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This project was included in the 2010 Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill Earmark Projects list enacted by Congress in December 2009. The funds will be used toward phase 2 construction of the Lowry Avenue Bridge.

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	May 20, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	June 2, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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May 20, 2010

Karl Keel, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: 27-753-13 Lowry Ave. Bridge Replacement

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010– 2013 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	CSAH 153	27-753-13	Hennepin County	**MN262**Lowry Ave. Bridge #2723 Replacement Phase II in MPLS (2010 Appropriations Act-STP)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
BR	BRPC	HPP	486,917	0	0	486,917	0	0	0	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).

Annually Congress approves an Appropriation Bill that includes funds for specific projects. The 2010 Appropriation Bill was recently passed and signed by the President. Funds should be coming to Minnesota in the near future and the project proposer has indicated they would like to utilize the funds in early SFY 2011. This amendment is needed to add the Lowry Ave Bridge project that has received 2010 Appropriation earmark funds to the current STIP. This amount is only a portion of the total project.

Also, there are two funding lines in the current STIP. One identifies the 2009 Appropriation amount (Seq. # 1431) and the second identifies the Stimulus Funds that were determined to be ineligible for the County to use. An administrative modification has been submitted to change this amount to reflect the Counties portion of the project amount for Phase II and the 2009 Appropriation only.

Below is a summary of funding for Lowry Ave. Bridge Phase II:

<b>2010 Appropriation - STP</b>	\$ 486,917
<b>2009 Appropriation Act – TCSP</b>	475,000
<b>Hennepin County Funds</b>	26,038,083
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$27,000,000

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\* \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_
- Other\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal constraint is maintained due to the funds being additional funding provided through the 2010 Appropriation Bill and not Metro Target Formula Funds.

**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:** S-19 Widen narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes) 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: Scott Eue, Metro State Aid  
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