

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2010-68

DATE: November 10, 2010
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment Request for SP# 091-595-025: Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility.
MOTION: That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP to include SP# 091-595-025: Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility, St. Paul – Construction (2010 High Speed Rail Grant).

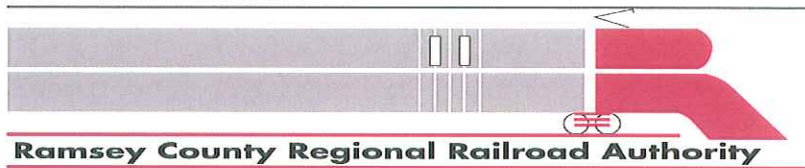
BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: In late October, Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority (RCRRA) was awarded \$40M of 2010 U.S. DOT High Speed Rail Grant Program Funds identified in the 2010 Omnibus Legislation. These funds need to be included in the TIP prior to issuance of bid package 2 so that the funds can be used in combination with the other available Federal funding to support the construction work.

In order to maintain the schedule, the second bid package needs to be released in December 2010 so that awards can be made in February 2011 for major work to be underway during the 2011 construction season. The second bid package includes all of the work necessary to complete the project and was to be funded with TIGER and Section 1301 funding, already in the TIP. Delaying bid package 2 would delay the entire project and add inflationary and administrative costs. There is not enough time to process the TIP amendment through the regular TAC/TAB process and still meet the December schedule to include these funds in the release of the second bid package. For that reason, the TAB Executive Committee recommended that this amendment is brought directly to the TAB Programming Committee and full TAB for consideration on November 17.

The grant is available through FHWA and will be administered by MN/DOT.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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Mr. Bill Hargis, Acting Chair
 Transportation Advisory Board
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RE: Amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number: 091-595-025 – Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility
 Federal Project Number:

Dear Mr. Hargis:

Please amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following new project in SFY 2011 of the TIP. The project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

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
	2011	M	M	BB	091-595-025	Ramsey County	Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility, St. Paul – Construction(2010 High Speed Rail Grant)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FRA/FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
MC	Construction	FFM	40,000,000	40,000,000	0	0	0	0

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 TIP). Note that this amendment is following an abbreviated approval in that is being presented directly to the TAB. The reason for this is for scheduling purposes.

The schedule for the Union Depot project was developed to meet program requirements for the 2009 FRA/ARRA funding that required completion in 2012. Project development has proceeded on that schedule. The project did not receive funding in that round, but did receive \$35 million in TIGER funds. The schedule has moved forward with a combination of the TIGER funding, \$45.3 million in SAFETEA-LU 1301 funds, and local funding. The first bid package of locally-funded work was released in October. Those bids are expected to be awarded in late November-early December, with work beginning in January. The first bids will be for demolition, piling, earthwork, abatement and other activities that will prepare the site for major construction in the spring of 2011.

In order to maintain the schedule, the second bid package needs to be released in December 2010 so that awards can be made in February 2011 for major work to be underway during the 2011 construction season. The second bid package includes all of the work necessary to complete the project. The second bid package was to be funded with TIGER and Section 1301 funding, already in the TIP. In late October, Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority (RCRRA) was awarded \$40M of 2010 U.S. DOT High Speed Rail Grant Program Funds identified in the 2010 Omnibus Legislation. These funds need to be included in the TIP prior to issuance of bid package 2 so that the funds can be used in combination with the other available Federal funding to support the construction work. Delaying bid package 2 would delay the entire project and add inflationary and administrative costs. The grant is available through FHWA and will be administered by MnDOT.

This amendment is needed to identify these grant funds in the 2011-2014 TIP.

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

- New Money – 2010 U.S. DOT High Speed Rail Grant Program Funds. X
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment of other projects
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP target X
- Other

These funds are in addition to regular formula target funds, therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

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)

*Exempt Project Category #E-6 Bus terminals and transfer points
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 call me at (651) 266-2762.

Sincerely,



Timothy Mayasich
Director
Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority

CC: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management
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