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Meeting date: January 14, 2008

For Management Committee: January 23, 2008

For Metropolitan Council meeting: January 23, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	January 2, 2008
Subject:	2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2008 Capital Program and Budget
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Division/Department:	Transportation

Proposed Action

That the Council:

Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding authority as follows:

- Metro Transit \$44,350,123

Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing spending authority as follows:

- Metro Transit \$15,900,000

See Attachment #1

Background

Northstar Passenger Cars – Project 65510

On November 26, 2007, the Transportation Committee considered and approved Business Item 2007-398 recommending that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

- Execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) for Metropolitan Council procurement of Northstar passenger cars utilizing Best Value Selection criteria.
- The Metropolitan Council has agreed to act as a lead agency to procure passenger cars on behalf of the Northstar Corridor Project.
- Following execution of the Northstar Full Funding Grant Agreement on December 11, 2007, Northstar Corridor funding will be available to reimburse the Metropolitan Council for any and all payments made for the vehicle procurement after they are incurred. The purchase of these passenger cars will require some internal borrowing from the Metropolitan Council. Staff will bring a future item to the Management Committee detailing the internal borrowing and timing of the reimbursement to the Metropolitan Council.
- Council staff have negotiated the final pricing for the Northstar passenger cars.

UPA (Urban Partnership Agreement) Park & Ride Lots – Project 63740

- To recognize New Federal Funds from the UPA (Urban Partnership Agreement) for north metro park and rides. RTC funding match is from project 63114.

Rationale

The Met Council, as the procuring agency, intends to use the Best Value procurement method available to Minnesota State Agencies, including Mn/DOT, to procure the commuter coaches. The parties to the Joint Powers Agreement wish to select the proposal for the commuter coaches procurement that presents the best value.

Funding

Funding for the commuter coaches will be available through the Northstar Project Federal Full Funding Grant Agreement executed on December 11, 2007 and NCDA Local Funding. Funding for the UPA is available as the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Council were jointly awarded \$133.3 million in federal funds by the US Department of Transportation through the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Program. The project provides a comprehensive approach to congestion reduction that includes congestion pricing, transit enhancements, telecommuting/telework, and the use of advanced technologies.

Under the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) \$13.2 million of Section 5309 Bus Program funds awarded to Metropolitan Council were excluded from the enabling legislation requirement. Portions of the funding from the UPA cannot be obligated and drawn down without enabling legislation from the Minnesota State legislature, but the \$13.2 million of Section 5309 Bus Program funds is excluded from this requirement. These funds were specific to the activity related to the North I35W activity as follows:

- 1) \$8.8 million federal for construction of approximately 620 additional parking spots at the North I-35W structured park-and-ride facility, and
- 2) \$4.4 million for 11 buses for service provided on I-35W.

No other funds obligated by the UPA Grant Agreements shall be drawn down by the recipient unless and until all legal authority necessary to implement each of the Federal Projects (including, without limitation, legal authority to implement congestion pricing) has been duly adopted and taken effect, which authority shall be adopted and in effect within 90 calendar days following the opening of the next session of the Minnesota State legislature.

At this time, due to constraints of local match, we are only requesting a portion of the authority related to the \$13.2 million of Section 5309 Bus Program funds.

This proposed amendment includes no new regional bonding authorization and therefore remains consistent with the Council goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time.

Known Support / Opposition

Support includes execution of the Northstar Full Funding Grant Agreement on December 11, 2007. Additional support for the Northstar locomotive and Northstar passenger cars comes from the FTA, Mn/DOT and the NCDA Funding Partners. Support is also available by the approved UPA agreement awarded by the US Department of Transportation.

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ATTACHMENT 1

	CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED					PROPOSED CHANGE					AMENDED					2008 Capital Metro Transit Budget	Multi-Year Metro Transit Authorization
	Federal	State	Other	Regional	Total	Federal	State	Other	Regional	Total	Federal	State	Other	Regional	Total		
METRO TRANSIT																	
NEW FUNDING & REALLOCATION																	
65510 Northstar Commuter Rail	\$ 17,843,000		\$ 9,510,654	\$ 530,000	\$ 27,883,654	\$ 35,160,098		\$ 8,790,025	\$ -	\$ 43,950,123	\$ 53,003,098	\$ -	\$ 18,300,679	\$ 530,000	\$ 71,833,777	\$ 15,400,000	\$ 43,950,123
63740 UPA (Urban Partnership Agreement)	\$ 800,000			\$ 200,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 400,000			\$ 100,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
63114 Bottineau Boulevard	\$ 9,270,830	\$ 24,350,000	\$ -	\$ 4,620,000	\$ 38,240,830				\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ 9,270,830	\$ 24,350,000	\$ -	\$ 4,520,000	\$ 38,140,830	\$ -	\$ (100,000)
Section Subtotal	\$ 27,913,830	\$ 24,350,000	\$ 9,510,654	\$ 5,350,000	\$ 67,124,484	\$ 35,560,098	\$ -	\$ 8,790,025	\$ -	\$ 44,350,123	\$ 63,473,928	\$ 24,350,000	\$ 18,300,679	\$ 5,350,000	\$ 111,474,607		
METRO TRANSIT BUS TOTAL	\$ 27,913,830	\$ 24,350,000	\$ 9,510,654	\$ 5,350,000	\$ 67,124,484	\$ 35,560,098	\$ -	\$ 8,790,025	\$ -	\$ 44,350,123	\$ 63,473,928	\$ 24,350,000	\$ 18,300,679	\$ 5,350,000	\$ 111,474,607	\$ 15,900,000	\$ 44,350,123

Original Adopted, 2008
 After Prior Amendments
 After This Amendment

Available	Desired	diff
#####	#####	49,821
903,219	#####	(197,439)