

# Transportation Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2008-202

**Meeting date: July 28, 2008**

**Metropolitan Council: August 13, 2008**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

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|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Date:</b>                     | July 21, 2008   |
| <b>Subject:</b>                  | 2008-2011 TIP Amendment: Add SP#TRLF-08-03, enhancements to transit facilities and pedestrian wayfinding – ABC Ramps at I-394 in Minneapolis (TAB Action 2008-22) |
| <b>District(s), Member(s):</b>   | District 6 – Leppik; District 7 - Meeks   |
| <b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>   | TAB Action  |
| <b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b> | Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754)<br>Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Planning & Finance MTS (651-602-1058)<br>Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)      |
| <b>Division/Department:</b>      | Metropolitan Transportation Services  |

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement (TIP) to include SP#TRLF-08-03 Enhancements to transit facilities and pedestrian wayfinding – ABC Ramps at I-394 in Minneapolis

### Background

This amendment is needed to identify \$1,200,000 in TRLF funding with \$2,400,000 from garage revenues to provide improvements to transit facilities at the ABC ramps including better climate control, communications improvements, security upgrades, waiting area improvements, lobby seating and elevators/escalators as well as wayfinding improvements.

### Rationale

In order to use these TRLF funds the project must be in the current TIP.

### Funding

These are new funds so the fiscal balance of the TIP is maintained.

### Known Support / Opposition

The City of Minneapolis and MnDOT submitted this request. There is no known opposition.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Donn R. Wiski  
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July 21, 2008

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Peter Bell, Chair  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street No.  
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Mr. Bell:

On July 16, 2008, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) voted to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP# TRLF-08-03 in program year 2009. The project includes the construction of transit facility enhancements and pedestrian wayfinding improvements at the ABC ramps in Minneapolis.

The Transportation Revolving Loan Fund (TRLF) operates much like a commercial bank, providing low-interest loans and other types of financial assistance on a competitive basis to governmental entities for eligible transportation projects.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2008-22.

Sincerely,



Donn Wiski, Chair  
Transportation Advisory Board

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

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2008-22

**DATE:** July 21, 2008  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2008-2011 TIP Amendment for SP#TRLF-08-03 Enhancements to transit facilities and pedestrian wayfinding – ABC Ramps at I-394 in Minneapolis.

**MOTION:** The TAB amended the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a Transportation Revolving Loan Fund (TRLF) project for transit facility enhancements and pedestrian wayfinding improvements at the ABC ramps in Minneapolis.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:**

This amendment is needed to identify \$1,200,000 in TRLF funding with \$2,400,000 from garage revenues to provide improvements to transit facilities at the ABC ramps including better climate control, communications improvements, security upgrades, waiting area improvements, lobby seating and elevators/escalators as well as wayfinding improvements.

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      | June 19, 2008         |
| Technical Advisory Committee        | Review & Recommend      | July 2, 2008          |
| TAB Programming Committee           | Review & Recommend      | July 16, 2008         |
| Transportation Advisory Board       | Review & Adopt          | July 16, 2008         |
| Metropolitan Council                | Concurrence             |                       |



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June 19, 2008

Tom Johnson, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
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 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: TRLF-08-03

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please amend the 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2009. 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 |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----------|--|--------|---|-------|
| 2009              | M   | M    | RL        | TRLF-08-03                                   | MnDOT  | Enhancements to transit facilities and pedestrian wayfinding – ABC ramps at I394 in Mpls. | 0.0   |

| PROG | TYPE OF WORK      | PROP FUND S | TOTAL S     | FHWA Target | HPP S | Earmark S | FHWA Target AC S | HPP AC S | TH S | OTHER S   |
|------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------|------------------|----------|------|---|
| RL   | Grade and Surface | TRLF        | \$3,600,000 | 0           | 0     | 0         | 0                | 0        | 0    | \$1,200,000 (TRLF)<br>\$2,400,000 (Ramp ABC revenues) |

**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).

This amendment is needed to add a new project to the 2008-2011 STIP in SFY 2009.

In 1992, the FHWA, MnDOT and City of Minneapolis completed the I-394 facility. This was the first interstate project in the United States to include high occupancy vehicle lanes, transit facilities, parking ramps and skyways. This integrated approach was selected to mitigate the potential environmental effects of traffic. The purpose of the ramps was to provide an incentive to commuters who carpool or ride the bus on I394 into downtown Minneapolis.

Significant improvements are required to the ABC ramps which will enhance the ability for the facilities to accommodate the large additional demands for charter bus, transit and pedestrian travel. These improvements include better climate control in lobby spaces, communications improvements (PA systems), security upgrades, waiting area improvements, lobby seating and elevator/escalator improvements. Improvements to the existing wayfinding system include letter and color enhancements to the ABC Ramps, naming and identification of the I-394 bus terminals and an extensive signage system. The facilities are large and complex, and these improvements would more clearly lead pedestrians to, from and through the facilities.

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\*\*  \_\_\_\_\_

\*Funding is identified as Transportation Revolving Loan Funds with the balance identified as Ramp ABC revenues. The loan will be repaid using Ramp ABC net revenues.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

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

\* Exemption Code- AQ-2, Bike and Pedestrian Facilities

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**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on December 14, 2005, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 1, 2005.

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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Transportation Program Coordinator  
Metro Program Management

cc: Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management  
Mike Sachi, City of Minneapolis  
Darryl Anderson, City of Minneapolis  
Mike Sobolewski, Metro Program Management  
Susan Thompson, MnDOT Office of Investment Management