

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 22, 2009

Council meeting: June 24, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	June 18, 2009
Subject:	2009-2012 TIP Amendment: I-94 and TH 77 Managed Lanes – TAB Action 2009-40
District(s), Member(s):	District 5 - Peterson, District 7 - Meeks, District 8 - Wittsack, District 12 - Broecker, District 13 - Aguilar, District 14 - Beach, District 15 - Wolter, District 16 - Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Planning & Finance MTS (651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst MTS (651-602-1719)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council Concur with Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the I-94 and TH 77 Managed Lane Studies in the TIP.

Background

In November 2008, MnDOT applied for Value Pricing Program demonstration funding from FHWA for the I-94 and TH 77 corridors to study and test a number of managed lane scenarios to provide a higher level of service for all users. The state was recently selected to receive these federal funds and an amendment is needed to identify them in SFY 2010 of the current TIP so the studies may proceed.

Rationale

The projects must be in the current TIP to spend federal funds.

Funding

The fiscal balance of the TIP is maintained by adding new funds.

Known Support / Opposition

There was no opposition to the projects presented at the TAAC or TAB.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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June 17, 2009

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Mr. Bell,

On June 17, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding for the I-94 and TH 77 Management Lane studies.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-40.

Sincerely,



for Bill Hargis
Acting Chair

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Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2009-40

DATE: June 17, 2009
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: 2009-2012 TIP Amendment: MnDOT: I-94 and TH 77 Managed Lanes

MOTION: The TAB amended the 2009-2012 TIP to include the I-94 and TH 77 Management Lane studies.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: In November 2008, MnDOT applied for Value Pricing Program demonstration funding from FHWA for the I-94 and TH 77 corridors to study and test a number of managed lane scenarios to provide a higher level of service for all users. The state was recently selected receive these federal funds and an amendment is needed to identify them in SFY 2010 of the current TIP so the studies may proceed.

Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 21, 2009
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	June 3, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	June 17, 2009
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	June 17, 2009
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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May 21, 2009

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 Transportation Advisory Committee
 Metropolitan Council
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects in 2010. These projects are 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	I94		MnDOT	Twin Cities Region-Wide Road Pricing Study: I94 Managed Lanes– (2009 Value Pricing Demo)	0.0
2010	M	M	TH 77		MnDOT	Twin Cities Region-Wide Road Pricing Study: TH 77 Managed Lanes Project – (2009 Value Pricing Demo)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	FFM	500,000	400,000	0	0	0	0	100,000	0
PL	Planning	FFM	675,000	540,000	0	0	0	0	135,000	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 November 2008, MnDOT applied for Value Pricing Program (VPP) demonstration funding from FHWA for the I94 corridor and TH 77 corridors to study and test a number of managed lanes scenarios to provide a higher level of service for all users. The award of both VPP grants, along with the pending opening of MnPASS on I-35W, these studies will analyze the region-wide opportunities for MnPASS and the connections to I-94, TH 77, I-394, and I-35W.

The goal for the study on TH 77 is to achieve greater efficiency in the corridor through better utilization of existing infrastructure. On I-94, there are several goals any recommendation from the study would need to achieve, such as:

- 1) Better utilize existing infrastructure investments
- 2) Preserve or enhance advantages for transit and carpoolers
- 3) Preserve or enhance advantages for general traffic
- 4) Provide a congestion free choice for single occupant drivers; and
- 5) Preserve and enhance corridor safety

Minnesota was recently selected to receive these federal funds and this amendment is needed to identify them in SFY 2010 of the current 2009-2012 TIP so the studies may proceed.

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

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

* 2009 Value Pricing Program Demonstration funding

3. 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 codes identified on attached chart:

O-1 Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and technical studies, grants for training and research programs, planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49U.S.C. federal-aid systems revisions

Karl Keel
May 21, 2009
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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, 2004, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 1, 2005. The project is also consistent with the new Transportation Policy adopted by the Council on January 14, 2009 and submitted to FHWA/FTA for their review and acceptance on January 28, 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,



Sherry Narusiewicz
Transportation Program Coordinator
MnDOT Metro District

cc: Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management
Nick Thompson, MnDOT Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Innovation