

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 13, 2009
Council Meeting July 22, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 7, 2009
Subject:	Authority to Execute an Interagency Agreement with MnDOT for Travel Behavior Inventory federal ARRA funds
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2030 TPP Work Program Task
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director, MTS (6541-602-1754) Mark Filipi, Mgr. Tech. Planning Support, (651-602-1725)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the execution of an Interagency Agreement with MnDOT to accept Federal ARRA Funds for the Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) and authorize the Regional Administrator to execute said agreement with MnDOT.

Background

The Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) is a collection of surveys that has been conducted approximately every ten years since 1949 that is intended to provide an accurate and current picture of travel in the region, and to update the regional travel demand forecasting models that are used in long range transportation forecasting and air quality planning. The TBI in 2010 will consist of the following components:

- Home Interview Survey of Personal Travel
- Transit On-Board Survey
- External Origin-Destination Survey
- Highway and Transit Speed Survey
- MnPASS Mode Survey
- Special Generator Studies at the U of M, MSP Airport, and Mall of America
- Commercial Traffic Survey
- Regional Travel Demand Forecast Model Development and Update

Rationale

On April 22, 2009, the Council added the TBI to the regional TIP. On July 8, 2009 the Council amended the 2009 Unified Operations Budget to include the TBI. \$3.5 million of the cost of the TBI was designated from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA). In order to release these funds to the Council and bid the project, an interagency agreement to transfer the funds from MnDOT to the Council needs to be executed.

Funding

The \$3.5 million being received from ARRA represents 85% of the projects expected \$4.1 million budget. The rest of the funding for the TBI comes from budgeted UPWP funds.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this item.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCEPT FEDERAL ARRA FUNDS FOR THE
TRAVEL BEHAVIOR INVENTORY (TBI)

- WHEREAS, An up-to-date travel survey is vital to understanding and analyzing the underlying issues in personal and commercial transportation; and
- WHEREAS, Travel surveys are essential to maintaining and updating the regional travel demand forecasting models, used in air quality planning and long-term highway and transit investment forecasting; and
- WHEREAS, The Region has regularly conducted a travel behavior inventory since 1949; and
- WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board and the Council have designated \$3,500,000.00 in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds for the purpose of conducting the Travel Behavior Inventory in 2010 as of April 22, 2009, and;
- WHEREAS, An interagency agreement between the Council and Mn/DOT is necessary to release these funds to the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Regional Administrator is authorized to execute an Interagency Agreement with MN/DOT to Accept Federal ARRA Funds for the Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI).

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Peter Bell, Chair

Pat Curtiss, Recording Secretary