

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2010-119

Meeting date: April 26, 2010

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ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 21, 2010
Subject:	Amendment to 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	SAFETEA-LU
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

- That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2010 Unified Planning Work Program, as shown on the attached summary sheet, to add \$505,473 CPG Planning funds and \$126,368 matching funds for an amended budget of \$8,070,025.
- That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution and authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the UPWP agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, to obtain the additional planning funds.

Background

The primary purpose of the UPWP is to serve as an application to the US DOT for federal transportation planning funds and to ensure coordination of planning activities among the various agencies involved in the transportation planning process. When the UPWP was approved, an estimate of 2010 federal funds was used to prepare the budget. When additional money becomes available from the US DOT, the UPWP must be amended to show how the money will be spent. Additional funds have been made available in 2010.

Rationale

In order for Mn/DOT to prepare an amended contract, an amended 2010 UPWP must be approved.

Funding

In October 2009 the Metropolitan Council adopted a \$7,438,184 2010 Unified Planning Work Program, based on the assumption that \$3,064,790 would be available from US DOT, plus \$817,911 in Metropolitan Council local match, \$105,482 from the Metropolitan Airports Commission, and \$3,450,000 of ARRA funds for the Travel Behavior Inventory. The Council reserved the right to reconsider the work program if the final approved grant amount was different than the amount assumed.

Minnesota received \$505,473 additional in federal planning money after Congress approved 2010 funding for USDOT. Washington County is providing \$50,000 in local match for the I-94 Alternatives Analysis and the Metropolitan Council is providing \$76,368 in local match. Mn/DOT and High Priority Project (HPP) funds are being received in place of ARRA funds for the Travel Behavior Inventory. This results in a new total of \$8,070,025.

The additional funding is proposed to be spent as listed below:

- Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (carryover from 2009)
- Travel Demand Management Study (carryover from 2009)
- Federal compliance of JARC and New Freedoms grants
- Arterial BRT Study
- I-94 Alternatives Analysis with Washington County
- Regional Transitway Guidelines
- Metro Mobility/Dial-A-Ride Cubic Programming

Known Support / Opposition

The Council applied for and Mn/DOT approved the initial funding application. There is no known opposition.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
FOR A CONSOLIDATED PLANNING GRANT UNDER THE
SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT
FOR THE 21ST CENTURY – A LEGACY FOR USERS

- WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects and transportation planning; and
- WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of project costs; and
- WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and
- WHEREAS, Title 23, U.S. Code requires that a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3-C) transportation planning process be carried out between the state and local governments in urbanized areas; and
- WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council is eligible to receive Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration grant funds for the 2010 transportation planning work program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Regional Administrator is authorized to execute and file an amended application on behalf of the Metropolitan Council, to aid in the financing of FTA Technical Studies Projects in the calendar 2010 Council's transportation work program;
2. THAT the Metropolitan Council enter into an agreement for distribution of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Planning Funds with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation.
3. THAT the Regional Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the following agreement: Minnesota Department of Transportation agreement(s) for Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration planning funds, for an amended total of \$4,464,543;
4. THAT the Regional Administrator is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Mn/DOT or the U.S. Department of Transportation may require in connection with applications, projects, or agreements.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Peter Bell, Chair

Pat Curtiss, Recording Secretary

2010 Unified Planning Work Program Budget (Amended)
Metropolitan Council - Metropolitan Transportation Services

	EXPENDITURES					FUNDING SOURCES						
	Staff Weeks 2010	Salary Cost	Consultant Cost	Expenses & A-87 Allocation	Total Cost	UPWP Federal	Local Met C	Other Local	Local MAC	Mn/DOT/HPP/Local for TBI	Total	% Local
A Planning Prog Support & Admin	307	\$516,395		\$492,221	\$1,008,616	\$806,893	\$201,723				\$1,008,616	20%
B TIP Development & Mgmt	53	\$80,094		\$33,311	\$113,405	\$90,724	\$22,681				\$113,405	20%
C Comp & Land Transp PI	566	\$994,675 ¹	\$1,051,090	\$354,132	\$2,399,897	\$1,894,957	\$423,739	\$50,000 ⁵			\$2,399,897	20%
D Research & Travel Forecasting	159	\$280,303	\$3,600,000	\$116,579	\$3,996,882	\$437,505	\$109,376			\$3,450,000	\$3,996,882	20% ⁶
E Operations and Mgmt	107	\$126,442	\$215,000	\$52,588	\$394,030	\$315,224	\$78,806				\$394,030	20%
Federally Funded	1,192	\$1,997,908	\$4,866,090 ²	\$1,048,831	\$7,912,829	\$3,570,263 ³	\$842,566	\$50,000		\$3,450,000	\$7,912,829	20%
F Aviation Transp Planning	56	\$111,022		\$46,174	\$157,196		\$51,714		\$105,482		\$157,196	100%
Locally Funded	56	\$111,022	\$0	\$46,174	\$157,196	\$0	\$51,714	\$0	\$105,482		\$157,196	100%
Total	1,248	\$2,108,930	\$4,866,090	\$1,095,005	\$8,070,025	\$3,570,263	\$894,280	\$50,000	\$105,482	\$3,450,000	\$8,070,025	

¹ Increased salary total by \$63,200.

² Increased consulting total by \$568,641; of which \$231,090 is carryover funds for projects begun in 2009.

³ Increased UPWP federal funds by \$505,473; of which \$184,872 (80% of \$231,090) is carryover funds for projects begun in 2009.

⁴ Increased Met Council match by \$76,368; of which is \$46,218 (20% of \$231,090) is carryover funds for projects begun in 2009.

⁵ Washington County providing match for I-94 Alternatives Analysis.

⁶ Does not include Mn/DOT and High Priority Project Funds in Local Percent calculation of UPWP required match.