

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: May 24, 2010
Council meeting: June 9, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: May 20, 2010
Subject: 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: Include Hennepin County SP#TRF-HENN-10 Planning for Bottineau Transitway (TAB Action 2010-35)
District(s), Member(s): District 1 – Scherer, District 6 – Leppik, District 2 - Pistilli
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS 651-602-1754)
Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning, MTS (651-602-1058)
Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)
Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Hennepin County SP#TRF-HENN-10, Planning for Bottineau Transitway.

Background

Hennepin County received Federal Earmark Funds in the 2010 Appropriation Act.

Rationale

In order to spend Federal Transportation Funds, the project must be in the current TIP.

Funding

These are new federal and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

There was no opposition presented at the TAC or TAB meetings.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Bill Hargis
Acting Chair

May 20, 2010

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

On May 19, 2010, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP# TRF-HENN-10 Bottineau Transitway – Planning.

This project was included in the 2010 Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill Earmark Projects list enacted by Congress in December 2009. The funds will be used toward development of the Draft EIS for the Bottineau Corridor.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2010-35.

Sincerely,



for Bill Hargis, Acting Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2010-35

DATE: May 20, 2010
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment to include SP# TRF-HENN-10 Bottineau Transitway – Planning.

MOTION: The TAB amended the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include TRF-HENN-10 Planning for Bottineau Transitway.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This project was included in the 2010 Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill Earmark Projects list enacted by Congress in December 2009. The funds will be used toward development of the Draft EIS for the Bottineau Corridor.

Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 22, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	May 5, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 19, 2010
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	May 19, 2010
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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April 22, 2010

Karl Keel, Chair
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
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 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number: TRF-HENN-10 Bottineau Transitway

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010 -- 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2010. 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
2010	M	M	BB	TRF-HENN-10	Hennepin County	SECT: 5339 Bottineau Transitway -- Planning (2010 Appropriations-Alternatives Analysis Grant)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Bus Grant Capital Improvement	FTA	312,500	0	0	0	250,000	0	62,500 (Match Funds)

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 the Bottineau Transitway project to the current TIP in SFY 2010. The project funds were included in the 2010 Federal Transportation Appropriation Bill Earmark Projects list enacted by Congress in December 2009.

The funds will be used toward development of the Draft EIS for the Bottineau Corridor.

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* X
- Other**

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

*Exemption Code # O-2-Engineering to assess social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternatives to that action.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 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
Planning Program Coordinator