Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 9, 2010

Council meeting: August 25, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: July 23, 2010

Subject: Acceptance of TDM Evaluation and Implementation

Study

District(s), Member(s): All Policy/Legal Reference: None

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) recommendation to accept the Travel Demand Management (TDM) Evaluation and Implementation Study.

Background

The TDM Evaluation and Implementation Study is one of several components identified in the Transportation Policy Plan as part of this region's federally mandated Congestion Mitigation Process. The TDM Study was specifically requested by TAB and its technical committees to help clarify funding priorities for CMAQ-funded TDM activities in this region and help identify ways to quantify and measure the value of the regional TDM program.

An advisory committee, comprised representatives from all four Transportation Management Organizations, Metro Transit, Met Council, TAB's Technical Advisory Committee, and Mn/DOT, was consulted throughout the development process to review and comment on the TDM Study.

Rationale

The TDM Study is a comprehensive recommendation of TDM goals and strategies to help policy makers, funding agencies, and TDM program implementers provide a more efficient regional TDM program. Several recommendations affect roles and responsibilities of Metropolitan Council transportation departments (Metro Transit and MTS) and other recommendations will require coordination with TAB/TAC and TDM implementation partners, such as the TMOs, who have endorsed the TDM Study.

Funding

Acceptance of the TDM Study requires no additional Council funding.

Known Support / Opposition

The TDM Study was accepted by the TAB on July 21, 2010 (letter attached).

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Peter Bell, Chair Metropolitan Council 390 Robert Street No. St. Paul, MN 55101

Mr. Bell,

On July 21, 2010, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to recommend acceptance of the Travel Demand Management Evaluation and Implementation Study to the Metropolitan Council. The TAB will also consider the study's recommendations regarding the allocation of CMAQ funds to TDM programs in the Twin Cities region.

The TAB forwards the recommendation to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2010-48.

Sincerely,

Bill Hargis, Acting Chair

Transportation Advisory Board

Keni Rogalish

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2010-48

DATE:

August 3, 2010

TO:

Metropolitan Council

FROM:

Transportation Advisory Board

SUBJECT:

TDM Evaluation and Implementation Study

MOTION: The TAB recommended acceptance of the TDM Evaluation and Implementation Study to the Metropolitan Council and will consider the study recommendations involving CMAQ-funded TDM programs.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The Metropolitan Council hired a consultant to evaluate the regional Travel Demand Management (TDM) program being carried out with the use of CMAQ funds distributed to five TDM partners (Metro Transit, St Paul Smart Trips, Minneapolis TMO, 494 Commuter Services and Anoka County TMO). This study includes an evaluation of the current TDM program with recommendations for future funding and ongoing evaluation. Included in the study are recommendations to develop a competitive process for additional CMAQ funds for new and innovative projects from any of the current TDM partners or other interested parties to be led by the TAB and its technical committees.

ROUTING

ТО	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming	Review & Recommend	June 17, 2010
Committee		
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	July 7, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	July 21, 2010
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	July 21, 2010
Metropolitan Council	Review and Accept	