

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 23, 2010

Council Meeting: N/A

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: April 19, 2010
Subject: TIP Amendment for CMAQ Funded LRV Vehicles
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program
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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council rescind Business Item 2010 for a 270 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Revision: Vehicle Mode Reassignment Request for Metropolitan Council CMAQ Award SP#TRS-TCMT-10C and SouthWest Transit CMAQ Award SP#TRS-SMTC-10A, Bus Purchases, to provide four LRT vehicles (TAB Action 2010-44).

Background

The Transportation Committee passed Business Item 2010-270 relating to amending the current 2010-20123 TIP to reassign the vehicle mode for two CMAQ grants from bus purchases to a purchase of four LRVs for the Hiawatha 3-car train project. The action had been passed previously the TAB. The amendment was also reflected in the 2011-2014 TIP which was adopted by TAB on August 18 and is before the Transportation Committee today.

In meetings with MnDOT staff over the intervening weeks, staff has concluded that due to issues of TIP fiscal constraint and timing, the current 2010-2013 TIP can no longer be amended. The timing of the purchases are such that including this change in the 2011-2014 TIP will allow the project to move forward, so the previous adopted action is no longer necessary.

Rationale

Rescinding the previous motion will reduce misunderstanding and confusion about the status of this project in the TIP. Adoption of the new 2011-2014 TIP will provide the necessary action for the project.

Funding

Funding will be provided in the 2011-2014 TIP from the two CMAQ grants and local match using Council funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.