

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: September 27, 2010
Metropolitan Council: October 13, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: September 16, 2010
Subject: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment: Include three high speed rail crossing safety improvements in Washington and Dakota Counties (TAB Action 2010-56)
District(s), Member(s): District 12 – Broecker, District 16 - Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director (651-602-1754)
Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Director Finance & Planning (651-602-1058)
Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)
Division/Department: MTS

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to approve a 2010-2013 TIP Amendment for three high speed rail crossing safety improvements, SP#19-00140, 82-00141, and 82-00142 in Washington and Dakota Counties.

Background

The Federal Railroad Administration just recently announced the availability of these funds under the extension of SAFETEA-LU.

Rationale

In order to spend Federal Transportation funds, the projects must be in a current TIP.

Funding

These are new funds, so fiscal balance is maintained.

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition was expressed at the TAC or TAB meetings.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Bill Hargis
Acting Chair

September 17, 2010

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

Jon Ulrich
Scott County
Dennis Hegberg
Washington County

Mr. Bell,

On September 15, 2010, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program to include three high-speed rail crossing safety improvements in Dakota and Washington Counties. The three projects are:

Municipal Officials

Dick Swanson
Blaine City Council
Steve Lampi
Mayor of Brooklyn Park
Bethany Tjornhom
Chanhasen City Council
Dan Gustafson
Burnsville City Council
Julia Whalen
Champion City Council
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Mayor of Edina
Becky Petryk
Hugo City Council
Robert Lilligren
Minneapolis City Council
Russ Stark
St. Paul City Council
William Hargis
Mayor of Woodbury

1. SP# 19-00140: Install flashing light signals with gates at railroad crossing at TWN 18, near Hastings, Dakota County.
2. SP# 82-00141: Install medians at Belden Boulevard, Cottage Grove, Washington County.
3. SP# 82-00142: Install a four-quadrant flashing light signal system with gates and roadwork at railroad crossing on Innovation Rd., Cottage Grove, Washington County.

This TIP amendment is needed to identify new rail safety projects in the current 2010-2013 TIP in SFY 2011.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2010-56.

Citizen Members - Precinct

Andrew Reinhardt - A
Thomas Heffelfinger - B
James Meyers - C
Chuck Haik - D
Bart Ward - E
vacant - F
Jill Smith - G
Ken Johnson - H

Sincerely,



Bill Hargis,
Acting Chair

Agency Representatives

Peggy Leppik
Metropolitan Council
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Lisa Peilen
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M.P.C.A.

Modal Representatives

Richard Mussell
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Matthew Craig
Transit
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Freight
David Gepner
Non-motorized

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2010-56

DATE: September 17, 2010
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment Request for three high speed rail crossing safety improvements in Washington and Dakota Counties.
MOTION: That the TAB approve a 2010-2013 TIP Amendment for three high speed rail crossing safety improvements, SP#19-00140, 82-00141, and 82-00142 in Washington and Dakota Counties.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to identify three new rail safety projects in the current 2010-2013 TIP. The Federal Railroad Administration announced the extension of SAFETEA-LU funding for High Speed Rail funds that will be available in September 2010. Selection of these projects takes place after the development of the TIP.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	August 18, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	September 1, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	September 9, 2010
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	September 15, 2010
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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August 19, 2010

Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert St.
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
State Project Number: 19-00140 - Install flashing light signals with gates (2010 FFY)
82-00141 - Install medians (2010 FFY)
82-00142 - Install four quadrant gate system and roadwork (2009 FFY)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2011. 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
2011	M	M	RR	19-00140	Mn/DOT Rail	Install flashing light signals with gates at railroad crossing at TWN 18, near Hastings, Dakota County	N/A
2011	M	M	RR	82-00141	Mn/DOT Rail	Install medians, Belden Blvd, Cottage Grove, Washington County	N/A
2011	M	M	RR	82-00142	Mn/DOT Rail	Install a four-quadrant flashing light signal system with gates and roadwork at railroad crossing on Innovation Rd, Cottage Grove, Washington County	N/A

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
19-00140	Rail Safety	FFM	\$250,000	0	\$250,000	0	0	0	0	0
82-00141	Rail Safety	FFM	\$75,000	0	\$75,000	0	0	0	0	0
82-00142	Rail Safety	FFM	\$325,000	0	\$325,000	0	0	0	0	0

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PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. This amendment is needed to identify new rail safety projects in the current 2010-2013 STIP in SFY 2011. Federal Railroad Administration announced the extension of SAFETEA-LU funding for Section 1103(f)(2)(E) High Speed Rail (HSR) funds that should be available in September 2010. Selection of projects takes place beyond the development of the current TIP. Remaining 2009 FFY Section 1103(f)(2)(E) funds are also available in SFY 2011.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money _____
 - Anticipated Advance Construction _____
 - ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____
 - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint* X
 - Other _____

* Section 1103(f)(2)(E) HSR are federal funds not affecting Metro District target funds. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

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 S-8 Railroad/highway crossing warning devices Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

Karl Keel
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CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on December 14, 2005, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 1, 2005.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Dahlberg at 651.366.3693.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie R. Carr". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Julie R. Carr
Program Manager
Mn/DOT Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management
Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Management