

**T** Transportation Committee  
Meeting date: October 25, 2010  
Council Meeting: November 10, 2010

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date: October 21, 2010  
Subject: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include MnDOT  
SP#0280-66: I-35W North Mitigation and Design  
Feasibility/Study from Downtown Minneapolis to I-  
35E Intersection (TAB Action 2010-60)  
District(s), Member(s): Districts 7–Meeks; 8-Wittsack; 10-Sanda; 11-Hilker  
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action  
Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director (651-602-1754)  
Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Planning & Finance (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 amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include MnDOT SP#0280-66: I-35W North Mitigation and Design Feasibility Study from downtown Minneapolis to I-35E intersection.

**Background**

MnDOT received \$950,000 federal funds to do a congestion mitigation construction project on I-35W. Due to time restriction, the funds will instead be used for a MnPASS feasibility study. These funds needed to be authorized by Sept 30; however, FHWA allowed authorization prior to completing the TAB/Council process in this case.

**Rationale**

In order to use Federal Transportation funds, they must be accurately described in a current TIP.

**Funding**

These funds were previously included in the TIP, but the purpose needs to be changed.

**Known Support / Opposition**

No opposition was presented at the TAC or TAB.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

---

**Bill Hargis**  
Acting Chair

October 21, 2010

County Commissioners

Dennis Berg  
Anoka County  
Randy Maluchnik  
Carver County  
Paul Krause  
Dakota County  
Jan Callison  
Hennepin County  
Tony Bennett  
Ramsey County  
Jon Ulrich  
Scott County  
Dennis Hegberg  
Washington County

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

Mr. Bell,

On October 20, 2010, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2010-2013 TIP to include MN/DOT SP#0280-66: I-35W North Mitigation and Design Feasibility Study from downtown Minneapolis to I-35-E intersection.

Municipal Officials

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

This TIP amendment is needed because the FHWA has recently informed MN/DOT that these funds will expire at the end of September 2010 and will not be extended. Since that does not provide enough time for a construction project, MN/DOT requested a scope change to FHWA to instead do a MnPASS feasibility study between downtown Minneapolis to the I-35W/I-35E intersection.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2010-60.

Sincerely,



*for* Bill Hargis,  
Acting Chair

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

Agency Representatives

Peggy Leppik  
Metropolitan Council  
Scott McBride  
Minnesota DOT  
Lisa Peilen  
M.A.C.  
David Thornton  
M.P.C.A.

Modal Representatives

Richard Mussell  
Transit  
Matthew Craig  
Transit  
Ron Have  
Freight  
David Gepner  
Non-motorized

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

---

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2010-60

**DATE:** October 21, 2010  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment Request for MN/DOT SP#0280-66: I-35W North Mitigation and Design Feasibility Study from downtown Minneapolis to I-35-E intersection

**MOTION:** The TAB adopted an amendment to the 2010-2013 TIP to include MN/DOT SP#0280-66: I-35W North Mitigation and Design Feasibility Study from downtown Minneapolis to I-35-E intersection.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** Congress appropriated \$950,000 in Interstate Maintenance funds for congestion mitigation on the 35W north corridor. This project is identified in the 2010-2013 TIP as I-35W North Congestion Mitigation and Design north bound Lake Drive to 95<sup>th</sup> Street in Blaine. The intent was to construct an auxiliary lane at this location. FHWA has recently informed MN/DOT that these funds will expire at the end of September 2010 and will not be extended. Since that does not provide enough time for a construction project, MN/DOT requested a scope change to FHWA to instead do a MnPASS feasibility study between downtown Minneapolis to the I-35W/I-35E intersection. FHWA agreed to allow this amendment so long as it is accepted by the Funding & Programming Committee. Due to the short amount of time before the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2010, some parts of the Metro Council TAB/TAC process will occur after the project has been authorized by the FHWA. TAB was informed of this situation at its September 15 meeting.

---

**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	September 16, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	October 6, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	October 14, 2010
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	October 20, 2010
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



**Minnesota Department of Transportation**

**Metro District**  
 1500 west County Road B-2  
 Roseville, MN 55113

Office Telephone: (651) 234-7788

Fax: (651) 234-7786

September 16, 2010

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

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: 0280-66 I-35W N. Mitigation and Design

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in SFY 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	I35W	0280-66 IMD 0353(315)	MnDOT	I-35W N. Mitigation & Design – Feasibility Study from 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> St. in Minneapolis to I35W/I35E split in Forest Lake	24.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	FFM	1,055,555	950,000	0	0	0	105,555	0

**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-1 Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning and technical studies, Grants for training and research programs, Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.

**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 651-234-7788.

Sincerely,

Brian Isaacson, Director  
Investment Management  
Metro District

C: Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Coordinator