

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 28, 2011

Metropolitan Council meeting: April 13, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 17, 2011
Subject:	2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit SP#CMT-09-07: Maplewood Mall Transit Center Expansion (TAB Action 2011-30)
District(s), Member(s):	District 11 - Rummel
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning 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 adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that splits the Maplewood Mall Transit Center expansion and service improvements over two years, advancing the \$4,129,070 park and ride construction from program year 2013 to 2011 and maintaining the balance of the award (\$3,010,930) for bus purchases and expanded bus service in the original program year of 2013.

Background

This project was awarded federal Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in the regional solicitation. Metro Transit is proposing changes to the timing of the project to allow earlier construction of the transit center and the associated ramp parking as usage of the current facility is over capacity. However, the buses and additional service will not be needed until the expansion of the parking facility is completed.

Rationale

In order to spend federal transportation funds, the projects must be recorded in the proper year of the current TIP.

Funding

The amendment allowing the transit center and parking to be completed earlier is possible since other unrelated projects have been deferred for a variety of reasons, freeing up CMAQ funds for 2011 use on this project. Total funding does not change.

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition was presented at TAC or TAB.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Bill Hargis
Chair

March 23, 2011

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Susan Haigh, Chair
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
St. Paul, MN 55101

Ms. Haigh,

On March 16, 2011, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to split the CMAQ-funded Maplewood Mall Transit Center expansion and advance the \$4,129,070 park and ride construction portion of the Maplewood Mall Transit Center from program year 2013 to 2011 and maintain the balance of the original CMAQ award (\$3,010,930) for bus purchases and bus service in 2013.

Metro Transit requested this amendment to advance the park and ride construction element of the combined project so it could be completed before purchasing the buses and implementing the expanded service.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2011-30.

Sincerely,



for Bill Hargis,
Chair

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2011-30

DATE: March 23, 2011
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment Request for Metro Transit SP#CMT-09-07: Maplewood Mall Transit Center Expansion.

MOTION: The TAB adopted an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP that splits the CMAQ-funded Maplewood Mall Transit Center expansion and advances the \$4,129,070 park and ride construction portion of the Maplewood Mall Transit Center from program year 2013 to 2011 and maintain the balance of the original CMAQ award (\$3,010,930) for bus purchases and bus service in 2013.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Construction of the Maplewood Mall Transit Center expansion in 2012 instead of 2013 is important because the existing facility has been over capacity, often overflowing into unauthorized areas of the adjacent shopping center property. The parking structure expansion will help meet current and projected demand. This TIP amendment is just splitting an existing project into two parts and does not affect fiscal constraint or air quality. Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 17, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	March 2, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 16, 2011
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	March 16, 2001
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



February 10, 2011

Karl Keel, Chair
 TAC Funding & Programming Committee
 390 North Robert Street
 St. Paul MN 55101

Re: TIP/STIP Amendment for CMAQ Project CMT-09-07 Maplewood Mall Transit Center Expansion

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please consider this formal request from Metro Transit to amend the Minnesota 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities, Minnesota. This request includes:

- 1) Advance \$4,129,070 Federal CMAQ Park and Ride construction portion of Maplewood Mall Transit Center expansion from 2013 to 2011
- 2) Maintain balance of \$3,010,930 (\$7,140,000 minus \$4,129,070 advanced in part 1 of this request) Federal CMAQ funds for bus purchase and bus service for 2013

1) PROJECT IDENTIFICATION Maplewood Mall Transit Center Expansion Construction:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER(S.P. #)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	MILES
2011	M	M	CMAQ	CMT-09-07	Met Council-MT	Expansion of Maplewood Mall Transit Center Parking-Construction	0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
TR	Parking Structure Construction	FHWA	\$13,982,966	\$4,129,070	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,853,896

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2) PROJECT IDENTIFICATION Mapewood Mall Transit Center Service & Bus Purchase:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER(S.P. #)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	MILES
2013	M	M	CMAQ	CMT-09-07	Met Council-MT	Expansion of Mapewood Mall Transit Center Bus Service and Bus Purchase	0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
TR	Bus Purchase & Bus Service	FHWA	\$3,763,663	\$3,010,930	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$752,733

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous TIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

Advancement of CMAQ money for the facility portion of the Mapewood expansion project into SFY 2011 will allow time for a grant to be in place for execution of a construction contract in 2012. Construction of the Mapewood Mall Transit Center expansion in 2012 instead of 2013 is important because the existing facility has been over capacity, often overflowing into unauthorized areas of the adjacent shopping center property. The parking structure expansion will help meet current and projected demand. Construction of the park and ride in 2012 will also allow completion of the facility so it is ready for new buses and operation by 2013.

- 1) Advance \$4,129,070 Federal CMAQ Park and Ride construction portion of Mapewood Mall Transit Center expansion from 2013 to 2011

Metro Transit was awarded \$7,140,000 Federal for expansion of the park & ride, bus purchase and service for 2013. The portion identified for park and ride construction is \$4,129,070 Federal. Early access to a portion of the park and ride facility construction CMAQ funds helps fill the gap in funding for construction to begin in 2012, and will allow completion of the facility so it is ready for new buses and operation by 2013.

- 2) Maintain balance of \$3,010,930 (\$7,140,000 minus \$4,129,070 advanced in 2b of this request) Federal CMAQ funds for Mapewood Mall Transit Center bus purchase and bus service for 2013
2. The existing project line in the TIP for project CMT-09-07 identified in SFY 2013 of the 2011-2014 TIP will be reduced by \$4,129,070 federal. This amended line in the TIP will show the remaining balance bus purchase and service to the facility as \$3,010,930 federal funds, \$752,733 local/Metro Transit funds and \$3,763,663 total cost. 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 X
other projects

A request by Metro Transit to extend the Sunset Date for Project TRS-TCMT-10B, Purchase 6 Artic. Buses for RTE 673 at the CR 73 park and ride, from SFY 2011 to SFY 2012 has been approved by the Funding and Programming Committee on January 20, 2011 and the Technical Advisory Committee on February 2, 2011. This deferral will make available in SFY 2011 \$2,722,080 of the \$4,129,070 federal funds needed to advance project CMT-09-07-Expansion of Maplewood Mall Transit Center. After the Metro State Aid Program Review, two additional projects have been deferred to SFY 2012 making available in SFY 2011 \$1,439,640. These projects are:

- SP 107-090-006, City of Bloomington, Seq. # 1431, Ped/Bike Bridge over Killebrew Dr., \$1,008,000 federal dollars
- SP 082-622-008, Washington County, Seq. #1412, CSAH 22 at Hardwood Ave., \$431,640 federal dollars

The total deferral amount from all three projects is \$4,161,720 Federal dollars. Fiscal constraint is maintained by the deferral of these three projects, allowing \$4,129,070 of project CMT-09-07 to move from SFY 2013 to SFY 2011.

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) _____

*Exempt Project Category #E6, bus terminals and transfer points, per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

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. The amendment is also consistent with the 2030 Policy Plan update adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 and transmitted to MnDOT on November 22, 2010 for transmittal to USDOT for a conformity determination.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please call me at (612) 349-7689. Metro Transit staff will be available for questions at your January meeting.

Sincerely,



Tom Thorstenson
Director of Engineering and Facilities

- cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Mn/DOT
Mary Gustafson, Metro Transit
Brian Lamb, Metro Transit
James Andrew, Metropolitan Council

Federal CMAQ Funding Application – Transit Expansion

INSTRUCTIONS: Return the completed application to Kevin Roggenbuck, Transportation Coordinator, Transportation Advisory Board, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. (651) 602-1728 Form 1 needs to be filled out electronically. Please go to Metropolitan Council's website for instructions. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM or postmarked on June 15, 2009. *Be sure to complete and attach the Project Information form. (Form 2)	Office Use Only
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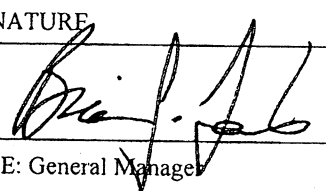
I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. APPLICANT: Metro Transit			
2. JURISDICTIONAL AGENCY (IF DIFFERENT):			
3. MAILING ADDRESS: 560 Sixth Avenue North			
CITY: Minneapolis	STATE: MN	ZIP CODE: 55411	4. COUNTY: Hennepin
5. CONTACT PERSON: Susan Stensland	TITLE: Grants Manager		PHONE NO. (612) 349-7603
6. CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS: susan.stensland@metc.state.mn.us			

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

7. PROJECT NAME: Maplewood Mall Transit Center/Park and Ride			
8. BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is located at the Maplewood mall in the City of Maplewood at the northeast quadrant of Southlawn Drive and Beam Avenue. Metro Transit is requesting CMAQ Transit Expansion funds for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purchase of four articulated (4) buses to be used in Route 270 peak express service expansion from Maplewood Mall to downtown Minneapolis. 2. Operation of four (4) new morning inbound and four (4) new afternoon outbound peak hour non-stop trips between Maplewood Mall Park and Ride to downtown Minneapolis. 3. Expand the existing surface park and ride facility from by 544 stalls (426 stalls to 970 stalls) through construction of two (2) structured levels on a portion of the existing transit center site. 			
9. INDICATE PROJECT OR PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION LETTING, COMPLETION, OR FULLY OPERATIONAL DATES.: * The applicant is requesting Pre-award authorization to expend funds to initiate the park and ride expansion prior to 2013.			
Park and Ride Expansion	Bus Purchase	Bus Service	
Final Design: Fall 2009	2013	Late 2013-2016	
Bid Letting: Spring 2011			
Construction Complete: Winter 2011			

III. PROJECT FUNDING

10. Are you applying for funds from another source(s) to implement this project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> : Counties Transitway Improvement Board, State Bonding Requests, Regional Transit Capital, and other state and local funding sources.			
10. FEDERAL AMOUNT: \$7,000,000	15. REQUESTED PROGRAM YEAR: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2013 <input type="checkbox"/> 2014		
11. MATCH AMOUNT: \$10,606,629	16. SIGNATURE		
12. PROJECT TOTAL: \$ 17,606,629			
13. MATCH % OF PROJECT TOTAL: 60%	17. TITLE: General Manager		
14. SOURCE OF MATCH FUNDS: RTC, Bonding and CTIB Grant authority (to be requested).			

Area Location Map

