

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

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ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 18, 2011
Subject:	Amendment to 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	SAFETEA-LU
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to identify specific additional projects.

Background

The primary purpose of the UPWP is to serve as an application to the US DOT for federal transportation planning funds and to ensure coordination of planning activities among the various agencies involved in the regional transportation planning process. When the 2011 plan was prepared and adopted, specific corridor studies were identified as they were known in June 2010. In addition, funding was set aside for long range planning projects identified in the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) for completion prior to the next TPP update, but it was not yet known which specific projects would begin in 2011.

Rationale

Additional corridor studies have now been identified that have begun, or are likely to begin, in 2011. These are:

- Red Rock Corridor Advanced Alternatives Analysis
- 35W North Corridor Study
- Midtown Alternatives Analysis
- Gateway (I-94) Alternatives Analysis

In addition, an A-Minor Arterial System Evaluation will begin in 2011 as a precursor study to the next TPP.

Funding

In October 2010 the Metropolitan Council adopted an \$8,464,096 2011 Unified Planning Work Program. Neither the funding nor the adopted budget is changing; this action is only to identify more detail in the work program.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.