

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2012-268

Meeting date: August 27, 2012

Metropolitan Council meeting: September 12, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	August 21, 2012
Subject:	Amendment to 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	SAFETEA-LU
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program to identify the following additional products:

- Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study
- Highway Transitway Corridor Study
- Penn, Emerson/Fremont, Broadway Arterial Transitway Corridors Studies
- Thrive MSP 2040

Background

The primary purpose of the UPWP is to identify planning activities, 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 2012 plan was prepared and adopted, specific studies were identified as they were known in June 2011. 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 2012.

Rationale

Additional specific studies have now been identified that have begun, or are likely to begin, in 2012.

Funding

In October 2011 the Metropolitan Council adopted a \$6,591,752 budget in the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program. The total funding is not changing. The budget will be amended to reallocate funding from the Research and Travel Forecasting activity to the TIP Development and Management activity to cover the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

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of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Susan Haigh, Chair
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390 Robert Street North
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Ms. Haigh,

On August 15, 2102, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to recommend that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include the following additional work products:

- Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study;
- Highway Transitway Corridor Study;
- Penn, Emerson/Fremont, Broadway arterial Transitway Corridor Studies; and
- Thrive MSP 2040.

The TAB recognizes that these are important planning projects for the region and fully supports their inclusion in the 2012 UPWP.

The TAB forwards their recommendation along with additional information described in action transmittal 2012-31.

Sincerely,

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ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2012-31

DATE: August 21, 2012
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
PREPARED BY: Elaine Koutsoukos, Metropolitan Council (651-602-1717)
Kevin Roggenbuck, Transportation Advisory Board (651-602-1728)
SUBJECT: Amendment to 2012 UPWP

MOTION: Recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes activities required by federal regulation that address planning priorities of the metropolitan area. The document identifies budgeted expenditures, funding sources, and allocation of staff resources for transportation planning activities of many participants. Participants in the UPWP include the Metropolitan Council, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

Many of the tasks are required by state or federal law and are ongoing, including the TAC/TAB committee process and corridor studies, or they repeat on an annual or biennial cycle, such as the preparation of the TIP and the regional solicitation. Studies identified in the 2012 UPWP were specific studies known by June 2011. Additional studies have been specifically identified and are being amended into the 2012 UPWP project lists. These include the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study; Highway Transitway Corridor Study Penn, Emerson/Fremont, Broadway Corridors Studies; and Thrive MSP 2040 Transportation.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: The UPWP is a federally required document that also serves as the Metropolitan Council's application to the US Department of Transportation for transportation planning funds. Changes to the UPWP must be approved by the US DOT through an amendment process.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAB Policy Committee	Review & Recommend	August 15, 2012
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	August 15, 2012
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	