

# Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 12,  
2008

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date Prepared:** February 26, 2008

**Subject:** 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: Century Avenue Reconstruction (TAB Action 2008-05)

### **Proposed Action:**

That the Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2008-2011 TIP indicate that Ramsey County is the lead agency for the project and that the total project cost is increased to \$15,250,000.

### **Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Carl Ohrn, MTS Planning Analyst, presented this item to the committee. There were no questions from Committee members. Motion by Hilker, seconded by Beach and passed

Hearing no objections, M.Hill Smith stated that this item could move forward to the full Council as a Consent Item.

# Transportation Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2008-52

**Meeting date: February 25, 2008**

**For Metropolitan Council meeting March 12, 2008**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| <b>Date:</b>                     | February 20, 2008  |
| <b>Subject:</b>                  | 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)<br>Amendment: Century Avenue Reconstruction (TAB Action 2008-05)  |
| <b>District(s), Member(s):</b>   | District 12– Broecker, District 13 – Aguilar   |
| <b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>   | TAB Action   |
| <b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b> | Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754)<br>Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning MTS (651-602-1058)<br>Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst MTS (651-602-1719) |
| <b>Division/Department:</b>      | Metropolitan Transportation Services   |

### Proposed Action

That the Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2008-2011 TIP indicate that Ramsey County is the lead agency for the project and that the total project cost is increased to \$15,250,000.

### Background

Century Avenue is the county line between Washington and Ramsey County. The lead agency has changed from Washington County to Ramsey County. The scope of the project was changed in 2005 to lengthen the project by 0.4 miles. The project cost total has increased over 35% due to the increased length of the project, the unexpected drainage costs, increased retaining wall costs, additional right-of-way costs, drainage expenses and project inflation costs. The additional costs will be paid by the Counties (additional background material is attached).

### Rationale

In order to spend federal transportation funds, the project must be included and accurately described in the current TIP.

### Funding

The project cost has increased but will be paid for by the Counties.

### Known Support / Opposition

The amendment was submitted by MnDOT on behalf of the two counties. There is no known opposition to the amendment.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Donn R. Wiski  
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February 20, 2008

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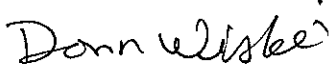
Peter Bell, Chair  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street No.  
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Mr. Bell:

On February 20, 2008, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) voted to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to revise the project cost and change the lead agency sponsoring SP# 62-672-04, reconstruction of Century Avenue (CSAH 25) in Ramsey and Washington Counties.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2008-05.

Sincerely,



*kr* Donn Wiski, Chair  
Transportation Advisory Board

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

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2008-05

**DATE:** February 20, 2008  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2008-2011 TIP Amendment: SP 62-672-04. Century Avenue reconstruction. Cost revision and change in lead agency.

**MOTION:** The TAB amended the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to indicate that Ramsey County is the lead agency for the project and that the total project cost is increased to \$15,250,000.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This project is the county line between Washington and Ramsey County. Washington County had been identified as the lead agency for the project but this has changed to Ramsey County and the project number has been changed to reflect a Ramsey County project. The scope of the project was changed in 2005 to lengthen the project by 0.4 miles. The project cost total has increased over 35% due to the increased length of the project, the unexpected drainage costs, increased retaining wall costs, additional R/W costs, drainage expenses and project inflation costs. The additional costs will be paid by the County.

Additional background material is attached.

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**ROUTING**

| <b>TO</b>                           | <b>ACTION REQUESTED</b> | <b>DATE COMPLETED</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| TAC Funding & Programming Committee | Review & Recommend      | January 17, 2008      |
| Technical Advisory Committee        | Review & Recommend      | February 6, 2008      |
| TAB Programming Committee           | Review & Recommend      | February 20, 2008     |
| Transportation Advisory Board       | Review & Adopt          | February 20, 2008     |
| Metropolitan Council                | Concurrence             |                       |



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January 17, 2007

Timothy Mayasich, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
 230 East Fifth St.  
 Mears Park Centre  
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: 62-672-04

Dear Mr. Mayasich:

Please amend the 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2008. 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 |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----------|--|---------------|--|-------|
| 2008              | M   | M    | CSAH 25   | 62-672-04                                    | Ramsey County | On Century Ave(CSAH 25) from Woodbine Ave. to Lake Road(MSAS 108) in Woodbury – Reconstruct 2-lane to 4-lane roadway, ped/bike path, signals, etc. | 2.1   |

| PROG | TYPE OF WORK      | PROP FUNDS | TOTAL \$   | FHWA Target | HPP \$ (currently avail. In 2005 or pooled) | Earmark \$ | FHWA Target AC \$ | HPP AC \$ | TH \$ | OTHER \$                 |
|------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|---|------------|-------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|
| RC   | Grade and Surface | UG         | 15,250,000 | \$3,932,660 | 0   | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0     | 11,317,340 (Local Funds) |

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

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

This amendment is needed to update the total cost of the project and revise the SP to indicate the change in lead agency from Washington County to Ramsey County.

In August 2005, a scope change was submitted to the TAB and was approved to lengthen the project from Valley Creek Road to Lake Rd., a distance of 0.4 miles. The project total has increased over 35% due to a variety of reasons. The increase in the length of the project, the unexpected drainage costs identified through project discovery, and project inflation costs are some of the factors attributed to the cost increase. Also, retaining wall costs increased to avoid 4f properties, additional R/W costs and accommodate drainage needs. The additional costs will be paid by the County.

Century Ave. is the County line between Washington and Ramsey County. Originally Washington County was identified as the lead agency for the project but this has changed to Ramsey County. The project number has been changed to reflect a Ramsey County project.

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

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination .....
- Exempt from regional level analysis\* .....   Yes
- Exempt from project level analysis\*\* .....   No
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation.....
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area).....

\* A-10 – This project was included in the Action Scenario for 2010

\*\* Project Level analysis will be considered during project –level conformity determination and documented in the environmental documents for the project.

Timothy Mayasich  
January 17, 2007  
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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 Colleen VanWagner at 651.234.7779.

Sincerely,

Greg Coughlin  
MnDOT, Metro State Aid Engineer

cc: Chris Roy, North Area Manager  
Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management  
Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management  
Colleen VanWagner, Metro State Aid