

J Management, Transportation and Community Development Committees

Item: 2008-154

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 25, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: June 17, 2008

Subject: 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget
Amendment

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (Multi-year authorization) by adding spending authority as follows:

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| Metro Transit | \$ 92,986,807 |
| Metropolitan Transportation Services | \$ 40,912,284 |
| Parks and Open Space | \$ 3,700,000 |
- Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing spending authority as follows:

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| Metropolitan Transportation Services | \$ 11,424,657 |
| Parks and Open Space | \$ 2,200,000 |
- Approve new projects and transfers between capital projects as detailed in Attachment 1

Summary of Committee Discussions

The proposed amendments were discussed and approved at the Transportation Committee on June 9, the Management Committee on June 11 and the Community Development Committee on June 16. There were no issues with the proposed amendments.

Attachment:

[Community Development](#)
[Transportation](#)



Management Committee

Transportation Committee: June 9, 2008

Community Development Committee: June 16, 2008

Metropolitan Council: June 25, 2008

Meeting date: June 11, 2008

Business Item

Item: 2008-154

AMENDED

| ADVISORY INFORMATION | |
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| Date: | June 4, 2008 |
| Subject: | 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment |
| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | 2008 Capital Program and Budget |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Alan Morris, Budget and Evaluation 651-602-1446 Edwin Petrie, Director, MT Finance, 612-349-7624 Sean Pfeiffer, MTS 651-602-1748 Arne Stefferud, Parks and Open Space 651-602-1360 |
| Division/Department: | Transportation, Community Development |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (Multi-year authorization) by adding spending authority to the ~~Transportation Division~~ as follows:

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Background

In the recently completed legislative session, the Council received \$66.6 million in new regional bonding authority. This proposed amendment authorizes spending on a number of capital projects that will be funded with new federal, state and local funding and with a portion of the new regional bonding authority. The proposed amendment allocates \$27,918,203 of the new regional bonding authority to capital projects in the authorized capital program. Staff recommendations on the use of the remaining \$38,681,797 in new regional bonding authority will be brought to the Council in future capital program amendments,

The Parks and Open Space program has received \$2.2 million in state funds to pass through to local implementing agencies and \$1.5 million in state funds for the state acquisition grant account. The proposed amendment provides authority to execute grant agreements and disburse the state funding.

Rationale

See attached Transportation Committee business item **and Community Development business item.**

Fiscal Impact

This proposed amendment includes new regional bonding authorization, but is consistent with the Council goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time. The level of bond issuance that will result from the new regional bonding authority was reflected in the financial projections and fiscal impact analysis done as part of the adoption of the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program.

Known Support / Opposition

See attached Transportation Committee business item **and Community Development business item.**

T Transportation Committee

Management Committee: June 11, 2008

Metropolitan Council: June 25, 2008

Meeting date: June 9, 2008

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| Subject: | 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment |
| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | 2008 Capital Program and Budget |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Brian Lamb, General Manager, Metro Transit (612-349-7510) Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Ed Petrie, Director of Finance, Metro Transit (612-349-7624) Sean Pfeiffer, Financial Analyst, MTS (651-602-1887) Alan Morris, Principal Financial Analyst (651-602-1446) |
| Division/Department: | Transportation (Metro Transit & Metropolitan Transportation Services) |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (Multi-year authorization) by adding spending authority to the Transportation Division as follows:

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Background

Metro Transit

Reallocation of Existing Funds

Technology Upgrades & Enhancements – Project 64690

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Projects 64690 and 64590 are intended for the technology upgrades and enhancements. This amendment transfers some budget authority from 64690 into project 64590 to match the authorized grant amount.

Inver Grove Transit Center – Project 63951
Twin Lakes Park & Ride – Project New Number

This transfers remaining federal and match funds not needed in Project 63951 to be used for the purchase of land for the Twin Lakes Park & Ride. Concurrence has been received from the FTA for this project reclassification.

Smartcom/Hastus Interface Digital Dash – Project 64593
Transit Control Center Equip Upgrades and Replacement – Project 64592

For upgrades and replacements of servers, routers, applicable software and components of the Transit Control Center.

Energy Enhancements at Facilities – Project 62111
Energy Improvements at Facilities – Project 84475

This project is for reduction of heat loss at the operating bus garages. This amendment combines the projects and adjusts the federal and applicable match to be consistent with the federal grant.

Introduction of New Funds

Central Corridor LRT – Project 65701

This budget amendment is increasing the project authorization by \$70,000,000 to recognize the additional funding received from the Minnesota Legislature in 2008

Associated Capital Maintenance – Project 61624

Funding for exchange of engines, rebuilding of engines, and rebuilding of transmissions and lifts included in a bus mid-life overhaul.

Rail Maintenance Facility – Project 62314

Funding for the construction of Rail Maintenance Facility shops and offices, vehicle storage and outdoor storage.

Overhaul LRT Vehicles – Project 61750

Funding for the first planned major overhaul of the light rail vehicles resulting from usage and mileage of the vehicles.

Bus Procurement – Project 61611

Funding for replacement buses for Metro Transit Operations.

Electronic Signage – Project 84581

Funding for improved information on congestion and travel times for travel time displays on freeways. This will make travel information available in a graphic or text format to encourage transit use.

Digital Recorder Replacement – Project 84501`

Funding for replacement of digital recording systems with new cameras to be placed in Metro Transit garages and transit centers.

Park & Ride Security – Project 63712

Funding for security enhancements at park and rides.

Re-Key Lock System – Project 84260

Funding to re-key the lock systems for Metro Transit offices, garages and specialty areas to control access.

Police Squad Digital Recorder – Project 84459

To upgrade the video recorders in the police cars to digital to allow for programming that will automatically record and store information.

Incident Management Vehicle – Project 65710

This vehicle will provide centralized storage of necessary investigation equipment and supplies and facilitate an improved response to critical incidents by the investigators of the police department.

Networking All Security Systems – Project 84259

Funding for networking of all security systems so they can be monitored by the Transit Control Center.

Upgrade Card Access System – Project 84500

To upgrade the current card access system to use the GOTO Smart Card. This will enable the card to be used as the access card for the card access system as well as the picture ID card for all Metro Transit employees.

HLRT Crossing Signals – Project 63703

Replace and upgrade road crossing signals on the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit system on the mainline and yard.

Buses East I-94 – Project 61613

Purchase of low sulfur bio-diesel buses for the I-94 East corridor.

Bottineau Buses – Project 61612

Purchase of low sulfur bio-diesel buses for Bottineau Blvd.

Bottineau Blvd Corridor BRT – Project 63114

To recognize federal funds for the Starlite Transit Center Park and Ride.

3 Car Train Program – Project 63730

To adjust the federal funds and local match to agree to the federal grant.

Digital Security Recording Units – Project 65315

Purchase and installation of new digital video recording systems to replace the existing video cassette recorders on Metro Transit buses.

FTH Lightning Arrestors – Project 84481

Install lightning arrestors to protect computers and security systems.

Major Improvements to Support Facilities – Project 62790

For major improvements and capitalized repairs to support facilities.

Public Facilities Refurbishment – Project 63350

Rehabilitation of existing public facilities including park and rides, transit stations and bus turnarounds.

28th Avenue P&R Construction – Project 63612

To fund initial Project Feasibility Expenses incurred for the 28th Avenue Park and Ride that are not eligible for federal funding.

Public Facilities Initiatives – Project 63216

For preliminary planning and engineering of public facilities projects.

Hiawatha LRT American Blvd LRT Station – Project 63701

To recognize funding to be received from Bloomington for the construction of the LRT station at American Blvd.

Support Equipment & Non-Rev Vehicles – Project 65790

For operations support equipment and to support the non-revenue vehicle fleet plan.

Rail Associated Capital Maintenance – Project 65652

Funding for capital maintenance activities for capital repairs to equipment and rail facilities.

Northstar Rolling Stock & Expenses – Project 65510

Funding for the construction of turnout improvements, intertrack fencing and small purchases in accordance with the Northstar FFGA.

Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Introduction of New Projects

MTS will add new projects to the Authorized Capital Program (ACP) as follows:

Program 9 fleet replacement projects to replace 84 small and 29 large buses. These vehicles will replace vehicles for both MTS contracted services and Suburban Transit Providers fleets.

Maintain an appropriate level of funding in our maintenance account to keep our current fleet on the road and in good repair.

Provide the necessary local match to fund Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) expansion buses for the region.

Add farebox and camera projects to the capital budget to begin outfitting MTS fleet as new buses are brought into the fleet.

Bring in federal dollars to pass through to Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority (RCRRA) for alternative analysis studies related to the Red Rock and Rushline Corridors and additional planning, environmental, and engineering work on the Union Depot.

Bring in new state bonds for the Cedar Avenue bus rapid transit (BRT) project and federal 5309 discretionary funds intended for a park and ride facility on the Cedar Avenue corridor.

Provides for two debt payments for Southwest Transit Commission and Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for payment of debt related to previous construction of a station and garage.

Fund capital repairs for bus shelters and a park and ride lot.

Add Funding to Existing Projects

Two additional funds are allocated additional funds as follows:

Bring in additional federal dollars and local RTC match to fund the proposed Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) project for active fleet.

Bring in federal dollars owed to Northstar Commuter Development Authority for their reporting of National Transit Database statistics. These federal dollars will be used to pay for commuter coach leases.

Rationale

The proposed amendment programs new federal and local funding and reallocates existing regional funding to allow the Council to carry out its long-term capital improvement program for transit.

Funding and Fiscal Impact

This proposed amendment includes new federal funding and new regional bonding authorization and is consistent with the Council goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time.

Known Support / Opposition

None known.



Community Development Committee

Business Item

Item: 2008-154

Meeting date: June 16, 2008

| ADVISORY INFORMATION | |
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| Date: | June 10, 2008 |
| Subject: | 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment |
| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | 2008 Capital Program and MS 473.315 |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Alan Morris, Principal Financial Analyst (651-602-1446) Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst—Parks (651-602-1360) |
| Division/Department: | Community Development/Regional Systems Planning and Growth Strategy, Parks |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding \$3,700,000 in new spending authority for Parks and Open Space
- Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation by adding \$2,200,000 in new appropriations for Parks and Open Space.
- Approve new projects and transfers between capital projects as detailed in Attachment 1

Background

The capital program and budget amendment approved by the Council in May included a number of changes to the adopted Parks and Open Space capital program, including the addition of three capital projects funded with state bonds that the Council will pass-through to local agencies and seven land acquisition opportunity or state acquisition grants approved by the Council in separate actions since the park capital program was adopted in December, 2007.

Since that action, two additional state pass-through grants have been approved by the Legislature and three additional land acquisition opportunity/state acquisition grants are pending approval by the Council.

State Pass-Through Grants

The proposed amendment includes:

1. Laws of MN 2008, Chapter 363, Section 6 appropriates \$200,000 in 2009 for a grant to the City of St. Paul. This appropriation is in addition to and for the same purposes as the [\$9 million] for a grant to the City of St. Paul for Como Zoo in Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 17, subdivision 8. This is a one time appropriation and is available until expended.
2. The 2008 supplemental bonding bill (Laws of MN 2008, Chap. 365, section 4, subdivision 3) includes a \$2 million pass through grant for a grant to the City of Bloomington for removal and replacement of the old Cedar Avenue bridge for bicycle commuters and recreational users. This appropriation is added to the [\$300,000] appropriation in Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 17, subdivision 8.

Land Acquisition Opportunity Grants / State Acquisition Grants

The proposed amendment:

1. Includes a grant to Scott County that consumes the unobligated balance of the State Acquisition Grant Account and also includes funds from the Land Acquisition Opportunity Account. This grant was recommended for approval by the MPOSC on June 3 and will be presented to the Council on June 25.
2. Adds \$1.5 million to the State Acquisition Grant Account from an appropriation in Laws of MN 2008, chapter 367, Section 1, Subdivision 3(i) which appropriates \$1.5 million for the State Acquisition Grant Account. The appropriation must be matched with \$1 million of Council bonds.
3. Transfers \$1 million from the Land Acquisition Opportunity Account to the State Acquisition Grant Account as required by the law just cited.

As part of the Parks Capital Program and Budget, the Council has established two accounts to provide acquisition opportunity grants to park implementing agencies. The accounts are funded with state and regional funds and were established so that grants can be made in a timely manner.

The Parks program is requesting that their amendments be included in this Council action so that grants can be executed with park implementing agencies.

Rationale

The proposed amendment also implements the 2008 State bonding bill line item appropriations for pass-through grants described above and provides additional state funding for the state acquisition grant account.

Funding/Fiscal Impact

The regional bond issuance and resulting debt service payments and property tax levies are consistent with the Council's goal to keep the property tax impact of Council programs on existing taxpayers level from year to year.

Known Support / Opposition

The regional park implementing agencies which receive these subgrants support this amendment. The local governments that receive the State bond pass-through grants support this amendment. There is no known opposition to this proposal.