

# Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2008

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date Prepared:** July 15, 2008

**Subject:** 2008-2011 TIP Amendment: Add HPP Project SP #6215-93, Study intersection redesign on Snelling Avenue at University Avenue in St. Paul (TAB Action 2008-18)

### **Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add HPP project SP #6215-93, Study intersection redesign on Snelling Avenue at University Avenue.

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

Carl Ohrn presented this item to the committee. There were no questions from committee members. The motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no objection, Chair Hill Smith stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a Consent Item.

# Transportation Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2008-180

**Meeting date: July 14, 2008**

**Council meeting: July 23, 2008**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	July 7, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	2008-2011 TIP Amendment: Add HPP Project SP #6215-93, Study intersection redesign on Snelling Avenue at University Avenue in St. Paul (TAB Action 2008-18)
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	13 – Rick Aguilar, 14 – Kirsten Sersland Beach
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	TAB Action
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning (651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add HPP project SP #6215-93, Study intersection redesign on Snelling Avenue at University Avenue.

### Background

These funds were appropriated in the Surface Transportation Priorities Program of the 2008 Appropriations for a study of Snelling Avenue from Larpenteur to Randolph including the University Avenue intersection.

### Rationale

In order to use federal transportation funds, the project must be in a current TIP.

### Funding

These are new funds so the TIP's fiscal balance is maintained.

### Known Support / Opposition

MnDOT submitted the amendment requires. There is no known opposition.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Donn R. Wiski  
Chair

July 7, 2008

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

On June 18, 2008, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) voted to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP# 6215-93 in program year 2009. The funding will be used to study redesign alternatives for the intersection of Snelling Avenue and University Avenue in St Paul.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2008-18.

Sincerely,



108 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. 2008-18

**DATE:** July 7, 2008  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2008-2011 TIP Amendment for HPP Project SP#6215-93 to study intersection redesign on Snelling Avenue at University Avenue in St Paul.

**MOTION:** The TAB amended the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add HPP project SP#6215-93 to study intersection redesign on Snelling Avenue at University Avenue in St Paul.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:**

This amendment is needed to identify \$490,000 in HPP funds that were appropriated in the Surface Transportation Priorities program of the 2008 Appropriations Act for a study of intersection redesign on Snelling Avenue at University Avenue in St. Paul. The project does not require a local match. The amendment is needed to identify this project in State Fiscal year 2009 so that the study can begin before the draft 2009-2012 TIP is approved in September.

Additional background material is attached.

At its June 18, 2008 meeting, the TAB was short of a quorum. The members in attendance voted to adopt this amendment and the absent members voted by email following the meeting to reach majority decision by quorum.

As per the TAB Bylaws, whenever we request an email vote on an action item, the item will be on the following month's agenda for information, further discussion and confirmation of the vote. This item will be on the July 16, 2008 TAB agenda.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 15, 2008
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	June 4, 2008
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	June 18, 2008
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	June 18, 2008
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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May 15, 2008

Tom Johnson, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
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 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: 6215-93

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please amend the 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2009. 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
2009	M	M	TH 51	6215-93	MnDOT	On Snelling Ave. at University Ave. in St Paul – Intersection Redesign (2008 Appropriations Act-STP)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	FFM	490,000	0	0	490,000	0	0	0	0

**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).

Funding has been appropriated in the Surface Transportation Priorities program of the 2008 Appropriations Bill for a project to study the redesign of the TH 51(Snelling Ave.) at University Ave intersection. The funding is designated 100% funding, so no match from the receiving agency is needed. This amendment is needed to identify this project in State Fiscal Year 2009 of the 2008-2011 TIP.

2. 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 other projects \_\_\_\_\_
  - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint   X
  - Other\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from regional level analysis\* ..... Yes
- Exempt from project level analysis\*\* ..... Yes
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation..... \_\_\_\_\_
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)..... \_\_\_\_\_

\* Exemption Code- O-1 Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

Tom Johnson  
March 15, 2008  
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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 me at 651-234-7793.

Sincerely,

Sherry Narusiewicz  
Transportation Program Coordinator  
Metro Program Management

cc: Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management  
Chris Roy, Metro North Area Engineer