

J Management and Transportation Committees

Item: 2008-211

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 10, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: August 28, 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 specific authority to the Transportation Division as follows:

Metro Transit	\$351,394,041
Metropolitan Transportation Services	\$ 8,096,309
- Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing spending authority to the Transportation Division as follows:

Metro Transit	\$ 11,310,000
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- Approve new projects and transfers between capital projects as detailed in Attachment 1

Summary of Committee Discussions

The proposed amendments were discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting on August 25 and the Management Committee on August 27. There were no major issues or concerns.



Management Committee

Transportation Committee: August 25, 2008
Metropolitan Council: September 10, 2008

Meeting date: August 27, 2008

Business Item

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Date:	August 22, 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
Division/Department:	Transportation

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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. A June amendment allocated \$27,918,203 of the new regional bonding authority to capital projects in the authorized capital program. This proposed amendment allocates an additional \$16,327,500 on the bonding authority. Staff recommendations on the use of the remaining \$22,354,297 in new regional bonding authority will be brought to the Council in future capital program amendments or in the proposed 2009 authorized capital program,

Rationale

See attached Transportation Committee 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

T Transportation Committee

Management Committee: August 27, 2008
Metropolitan Council: September 10, 2008

Meeting date: August 25, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	August 20, 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:	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)

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Background

Metro Transit

Reallocation of Existing Funds

Purchase Buses, 40 Ft, Growth – Project 61610
Bus Procurement 40Ft Replace - Project 61611

This amendment moves budget funds to the project where the buses were charged. It does not change overall funding for buses.

Introduction of New Funds

Central Corridor LRT – Project 65701

This budget amendment is increasing the project authorization by \$338,584,041 to recognize additional funding commitments from three sources:

RCRRA - 2007 Funding Commitment of \$49,727,371; (July 22, 2008)
HCRRA - 2007 Funding Commitment of \$21,297,445; (August 12, 2008)
CTIB - Funding Commitment of \$267,559,225; (August 20, 2008)

Hiawatha LRT: Rail System Facility Building – Project 62314

Need authority to move forward with the construction bid process expected to occur in October. Project estimated complete in 3rd quarter 2009.

Hiawatha LRT: American Blvd Station – Project 63701

Need authority to move forward with the construction bid process expected to occur in October. Project completion will occur in the second half of 2009.

3 Car Train Program-Station Extensions – Project 63730

Need authority to move forward with the construction bid process expected to occur in October. Project completion will occur in 2010.

Major Improvements to Support Facilities – Project 62790

To fund improvements through 2008.

Public Facilities Refurbishment – Project 63350

To fund the ongoing needs of the Metro Transit system through 2008.

Rail Non-Rev Vehicles - Project 65792

To purchase vehicles and equipment necessary for overhead line and track maintenance.

APCs (Automatic Passenger Counters) on Buses – Project 84560

To install APCs on 15 existing low-floor artic buses. Eventually about 70 existing buses will be retrofitted. APCs are included on all new buses.

Heywood Expansion-Land Acquisition, Ragstock Demolition – Project 62312

To demolish the Ragstock building in late 2008.

Fare Collection System Upgrades - New

For software and hardware upgrades to the current fare collection systems.

Web Phone Go To Card Services – Project 84508

For website development and interfaces for automated processing of prepaid fare card web orders and customer programs.

Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Introduction of New Funds

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

Bring in a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and the local match for Minnesota Valley Transit Authority's Cedar Avenue bus rapid transit project. The CMAQ grant was awarded to purchase 12 buses for dedicated operation of station-to-station service on Cedar Avenue busway.

Provide for a Metro Mobility electronic fare collection project and equipment.

Provide funding for two SouthWest Transit generators to be used in both their garage and SouthWest Station.

Fund numerous capital repairs and improvements for bus shelters, garages, and park-and-ride lots for the region.

Replace 3 bus shelters for Maple Grove.

Remove / Add Funding to Existing Projects

Two projects are having additional funds allocated as follows:

Bring in additional federal Section 5307 earnings to project #35733 to the University of Minnesota for a future project that is to be determined.

Bring in additional RTC funding to project #35780 to cover the cost of upgrading Plymouth's fleet of 30 foot buses to 40 foot buses.

One project is having funds removed as follows:

Remove an amount that was estimated for expected federal dollars to match the state bonds for the Union Depot project #35759 and replace it with the exact federal amount that became known after the project was amended into the authorized capital program.

Reallocation of Existing Funds

Reallocate authority from the Cedar Avenue BRT shoulder lane project #35702 to the Cedar Avenue BRT stations project #35703. The reallocation will match the stations project authority level to the needed grant amount to complete this portion of the Cedar Avenue BRT project.

Reallocate RTC funds from project #35789 authority to fund additional costs related to the Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) project #35774.

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 incorporates new regional bond funds authorized by the 2008 Minnesota Legislature and funding commitments from other regional entities into the Capital Program and Budget. It 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.