

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: June 9, 2009

Subject: 2009-2012 TIP Amendment: Include funding for Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis, TAB Action 2009-31

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council concur with Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a total of \$667,969 for the Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis.

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 Leppik, seconded by Steffen and passed.

Hearing no objection, Chair Meeks stated that this item could move to the full Council as a consent item.

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Business Item

Item: 2009-182

Meeting date: June 8, 2009

Council meeting: June 24, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	May 28, 2009
Subject:	2009-2012 TIP Amendment: Include funding for Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis, TAB Action 2009-31
District(s), Member(s):	District 3 – McFarlin; District 5 – Bowles; District 6 – Leppik; District 7 - Meeks
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning MTS (651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst MTS (651-602-1719)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a total of \$667,969 for the Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis.

Background

This project received a \$534,375 federal 2009 apportionment for the Alternatives Analysis.

Rationale

In order to spend these funds, the project must be in a current TIP.

Funding

The fiscal balance of the TIP is maintained due to the addition of new federal funds.

Known Support / Opposition

There was no opposition presented at the TAC or the TAB.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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June 1, 2009

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Peter Bell, Chair
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
St. Paul, MN 55101

Mr. Bell,

On May 20, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include federal funding for the Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-31.

Sincerely,



for Bill Hargis, Acting Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

Citizen Members - Precinct

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Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2009-31

DATE: May 15, 2009
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment: HCRRA Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis

MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board amends the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a total of \$667,969 for Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:

This project was included in the federal Omnibus legislation. It is for the proposed LRT along the Southwest Corridor to clear the locally preferred alternative and EIS by the end of the year and move the project into Preliminary Engineering by 2010. The funds would be available as soon as possible.

Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 30, 2009
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	May 6, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 20, 2009
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	May 20, 2009
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

4/29/2009

Karl Keel, 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 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
State Project Number: New

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2009 – 2012 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	BB	New	HCRRA	Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis	14

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	FTA \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
TR	Planning	5339	667,969			534,375				133,594

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). Project has received new 2009 apportionment for Alternatives Analysis funding that was not previously included in STIP

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
 - 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-2 Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

(O2: Engineering to assess social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternatives to that action)

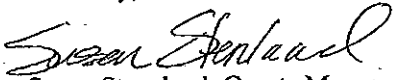
Karl Keel
Date
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CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on August 29, 2008.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Walker at 612-348-2190.

Sincerely,



Susan Stensland, Grants Manager
Metropolitan Council/ Métro Transit
612-349-7603

Cc: Katie Walker, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority
Sherry Narusiewicz, MN/DOT Metro Program Management
Marv Lunceford, MN/DOT Metro Program Management
Brian Lamb, General Manager, Metro Transit
Arlene McCarthy, Director, Metropolitan Transportation Services