

**Committee Report**

Item: 2010-151

Consent

**T** Transportation Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 26, 2010

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date April 27, 2010  
Prepared:  
Subject: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment: Include Scenic Byways funds received in the 2009 Solicitation of Scenic Byway Funds (TAB Action 2010-27)

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the attached Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to identify Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board SP#91-060-97 Grand Rounds: Mississippi Gorge Parking/Overlook.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Carl Ohrn, MTS Planning Analyst, presented this item. There were no questions from the committee.

Motion by Leppik, seconded by Beach and passed unanimously.

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

**T** Transportation Committee  
**Meeting date: April 26, 2010**  
**Council Meeting: May 26, 2010**

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date: April 22, 2010  
Subject: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment: Include Scenic Byways funds received in the 2009 Solicitation of Scenic Byway Funds (TAB Action 2010-27)  
District(s), Member(s): District 7 – Meeks, District 8 - Wittsack  
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action  
Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS 651-602-1754  
Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director 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 the attached Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to identify Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board SP#91-060-97 Grand Rounds: Mississippi Gorge Parking/Overlook.

**Background**

Federal Scenic Byway Funds were received from the 2009 Solicitation.

**Rationale**

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

**Funding**

These are new federal and local funds.

**Known Support / Opposition**

No opposition was presented at the TAC meetings.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**Bill Hargis**  
Acting Chair

April 22, 2010

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

On April 21, 2010, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP# 91-060-97: Grand Rounds Mississippi River Gorge Parking/Overlook.

The funds for this project were recently awarded to the Minneapolis Park Board through the Scenic Byways program.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2010-27.

Sincerely,



*for* Bill Hargis, Acting Chair  
Transportation Advisory Board

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

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2010-27

**DATE:** April 22, 2010  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment to include Scenic Byways funds received in the 2009 Solicitation of Scenic Byway Funds.

**MOTION:** The TAB amended the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to identify Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board SP #91-060-97 Grand Rounds; Mississippi Gorge Parking/Overlook.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This TIP amendment is being requested in order to add a total of \$187,500 for planning for the Mississippi Gorge Parking/Overlook. \$150,000 of the total are earmarked scenic byway funds and \$37,500 is local match.

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	March 18, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	April 7, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 21, 2010
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	April 21, 2010
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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March 18, 2010

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: 91-060-97 Grand Rounds: Mississippi Gorge – Parking/Overlook

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2010. 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
2010	M	M	Local	91-060-97 Fed. MNSB908	Mpls Park & Recreation Board	Minneapolis Grand Rounds: Mississippi Gorge-Parking/Overlook	0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	SB	187,500	0	0	150,000	0	0	0	37,500 (Local match)

**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 identify Scenic Byway funds that were received in the 2009 Solicitation of Scenic Byway Funds.

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\* \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_
  - Other\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*2009 Scenic Byway funding

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

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

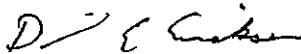
Project Exemption category: S-15 Safety and Roadside Rest Areas pursuant to titles 23 and 49U.S.C. federal-aid systems revisions.

**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 September 16, 2009.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Erickson at 651.234.7763.

Sincerely,



f Greg Coughlin  
Metro District State Aid Engineer

C: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Investment Management  
Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Investment Management