

**T** Transportation Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 13, 2011

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date June 28, 2011  
Prepared:  
Subject: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment from MnDOT for a Pre-Implementation study for a Priced Managed Lane on I-94 between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul (TAB Action 2011-53)

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council concurs with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#8816-1438; Pre-Implementation Study for a Priced Managed Lane on I-94.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Carl Ohrn, MTS Planning Analyst, presented this item and answered a question from Brimeyer regarding the feasibility of the project. The study will determine the feasibility of an I-94 managed lane.

Motion by Schreiber, seconded by Duininck and passed.

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

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: June 27, 2011**

**Council meeting date: July 13, 2011**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: June 16, 2011  
Subject: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment from MnDOT for a Pre-Implementation study for a Priced Managed Lane on I-94 between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul (TAB Action 2011-53)  
District(s), Member(s): District 7 – Cunningham, District 8 – Duininck, District 13 – Kramer, District 14 - Commers  
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action  
Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director (651-602-1754)  
Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning ((651-602-1058)  
Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)  
Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#8816-1438: Pre-Implementation Study for a Priced Managed Lane on I-94.

### Background

Federal Value Pricing funds were awarded to MnDOT in 2009 to study the I-94 corridor for its potential for a managed lane. These funds did not become available soon enough to be used for the study MnDOT anticipated and in the interim the study was completed using state funds. FHWA has informed MnDOT that the federal funds are still available if they can be programmed in 2012. MnDOT will use the funds to build upon the original study and determine how the I-94/TH280 interchange can be designed to accommodate a left-hand managed lane and consideration of other I-94 managed lane design issues.

### Rationale

In order to use Federal Transportation funds, they must be in the current TIP.

### Funding

The TIP amendment adds \$400,000 in Federal Value Pricing funds and \$100,000 in matching state funds to the TIP.

### Known Support / Opposition

No opposition was noted at either the TAC or TAB meetings.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Bill Hargis  
Chair

June 16, 2011

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Susan Haigh, Chair  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street No.  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Ms. Haigh,

On June 15, 2011 the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP# 8816-1438; a Pre-Implementation Study for a Priced Managed Lane on I-94.

A TIP Amendment is required to identify these funds as they were recently awarded to Minnesota from the Value Pricing Pilot Program. This study will examine the feasibility of reconstructing the Highway 280 interchange, along with consideration of low cost improvements on the I-94 Managed Lanes that may permit MnPASS HOT Lane operations and connections, as well as the feasibility of providing MnPASS access into downtown Minneapolis.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2011-53.

Citizen Members - Precinct

Andrew Reinhardt - A  
Thomas Heffelfinger - B

James Meyers - C  
vacant - D

Bart Ward - E  
Bill Hargis - F

Jill Smith - G  
Ken Johnson - H

Sincerely,

for Bill Hargis,  
Chair

kjr/kjr

Agency Representatives

Adam Duinick  
Metropolitan Council

Scott McBride  
Minnesota DOT

Lisa Peilen  
M.A.C.

David Thomson  
M.P.C.A.

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Transit

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Transit

Ron Have  
Freight

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Non-motorized

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

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2011-53

**DATE:** June 16, 2011  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2011-2014 TIP Amendment from MN/DOT for a Pre-Implementation study for a Priced Managed Lane on I-94 between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul.

**MOTION:** The TAB adopted an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP to include SP# 8816-1438; a Pre-Implementation Study for a Priced Managed Lane on I-94.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** A TIP Amendment is required to identify these funds as they have recently been sent back to Minnesota and are available for use. These funds were awarded to Minnesota from the Value Pricing Pilot Program. This study will examine the feasibility of reconstructing the Highway 280 interchange, along with consideration of low cost improvements on the I-94 Managed Lanes that may permit MnPASS HOT Lane operations and connections, as well as the feasibility of providing MnPASS access into downtown Minneapolis.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 19, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	June 1, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	June 15, 2011
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	June 15, 2011
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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May 19, 2011

Mr. Karl Keel  
 Chair, TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
 390 N. Robert St.  
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: 8816-1438 Pre-Implementation Study for a "Priced" Managed Lane on I-94.

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2011- 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2012. 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
2012	M	M	I-94	8816-1438	MnDOT	Pre-Implementation Study for a "Priced" Managed Lane on I-94	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	FFM	500,000	0	400,000	0	0	0	0	100,000 (State Funds)

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**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).

Originally, these funds were awarded in SFY 2009 to study managed lanes and MnPASS operations on I-94. However, the need to begin the study was much earlier than the funds would become available from Washington. The I-94 Managed Lanes Study moved forward and was completed in January 2010.

MnDOT requested from FHWA approval to spend the funds on a related study that will build upon the findings of the I-94 Managed Lanes Study. The I-94 study, under the full construction alternative, recommended reconstruction of the Highway 280 interchange that eliminates left hand entrance and exit ramps, providing lane continuity which permits left hand MnPASS managed lanes operations. The new study would examine the feasibility of reconstructing the Highway 280 interchange, along with consideration of low cost improvements on the I-94 Managed Lanes that may permit MnPASS HOT Lane operations and connections. Also under consideration is the feasibility of providing MnPASS access into downtown Minneapolis.

A memorandum dated July 29, 2010 has been received from the Washington FHWA Operations Office that the funds may be spent on this study. This amendment is needed to add federal funds awarded in 2009 from the Value Pricing Pilot Program to the current TIP.

This project was previously amended into the 2010-2013 TIP in October 2010. However, the funds were rescinded by FHWA at the end of FFY 2010 and have recently been sent back to Minnesota and are available for use. Due to the adoption of the 2011-2014 STIP, during this timeframe, a new TIP amendment is required.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
  - New Money – Value Pricing Pilot Program     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\*\*     —

\*These funds are not part of the Metro District regular formula target funds, therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

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**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

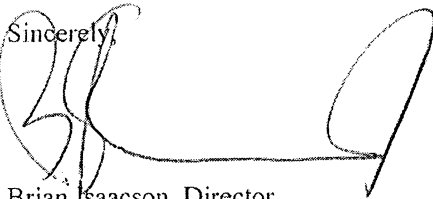
- Subject to conformity determination ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from regional level analysis\* .....   X
- Exempt from project level analysis\* .....   X
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

\***Exemption Code:** O-1 – Specific Activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning and technical studies, Grants for training and research programs, Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.

**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. The amendment is also consistent with the 2030 Policy Plan update adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 and transmitted to MnDOT on November 22, 2010 for transmittal to USDOT for a conformity determination.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651.234.7788

Sincerely,  


Brian Isaacson, Director  
Investment Management  
Metro District

cc: Ken Buckeye, MnDOT  
Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Investment Management  
John Griffith, Metro Area Manager

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