

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 28,
2012

Date Prepared: March 27, 2012

Subject: 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to add Hennepin County The Interchange Project (TAB Action 2012-13)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Section 5309 FTA discretionary funding for construction of The Interchange project in downtown Minneapolis.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

James Andrew, Senior Planner, presented this item. In response to Council member Brimeyer's question, Brian Lamb explained that the total funding package for The Interchange project has not yet been assembled and that all project partners continue to work on closing the funding gap.

Motion by Duininck, seconded by Munt, and passed.

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 26, 2012

Council meeting date: March 28, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 21, 2012
Subject:	2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to add Hennepin County The Interchange Project(TAB Action 2012-13)
District(s), Member(s):	Cunningham - 7
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning (651-602-1058) Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator (651-602-1728) James Andrew, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Section 5309 FTA discretionary funding for construction of The Interchange project in downtown Minneapolis.

Background

This amendment is needed because Hennepin County received a \$10M grant from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program. These funds, administered as Section 5309 funds by the Federal Transit Administration must be identified in the current TIP in order for the funds to become available for the intended use.

Project Description	Federal (FTA Section 5309) Funds	Local Match (Hennepin County and MN bonds)
Construction of the Transportation Interchange in Downtown Minneapolis	\$10,000,000	\$2,500,000

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. This project and the amendment is exempt from air quality conformity analysis, is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and does not affect fiscal constraint as it adds new federal funds awarded to Hennepin County.

This TIP amendment is being moved to the Council for same week action to allow Hennepin County to move forward with awarding the design build contract this April.

Funding

This project will be funded with a combination of FTA funds and local funds from several sources including Hennepin County and state bonds. A full financing package has not yet been finalized but will include the federal funds and county and state funds.

Known Support / Opposition

There was no opposition expressed. The amendment is supported by Hennepin County.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Bill Hargis
Chair

March 21, 2012

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

Ms. Haigh,

On March 21, 2012 the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to include \$10.0 million in Section 5309 FTA Discretionary Funding for Construction of the Transportation Interchange Facility in Minneapolis. The project includes \$2.5 million in matching funds.

Hennepin County received \$10 million from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program. These funds, administered as Section 5309 funds by the Federal Transit Administration, must be identified in the current TIP in order for the funds to become available for the intended use. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, is exempt from air quality conformity analysis and uses new federal funds. Additional background material is attached.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2012-13.

Sincerely,

for 

Bill Hargis,
Chair

kjr/kjr

Citizen Members - Precinct

Gerry Butcher - A
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Jennifer Janovy - C
Kenya McKnight - D
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Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2012-13

DATE: March 21, 2012
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request for Hennepin County: Transportation Interchange in Minneapolis

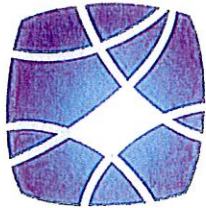
MOTION: The TAB adopted an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that adds Section 5309 FTA Discretionary Funding for Construction of the Transportation Interchange Facility in Minneapolis.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Hennepin County received \$10 million from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program. These funds, administered as Section 5309 funds by the Federal Transit Administration, must be identified in the current TIP in order for the funds to become available for the intended use. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, is exempt from air quality conformity analysis and uses new federal funds. Additional background material is attached.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 16, 2012
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	March 7, 2012
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 21, 2012
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	March 21, 2012
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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February 3, 2012

Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding & Programming Committee
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul MN 55101

Re: TIP/STIP Amendment to add FTA discretionary funds awarded to Hennepin County through the Department of Transportation (DOT) FFY 2011 TIGER III Program

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following new project in SFY 2012 of the TIP. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER(S. P. #)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	MILES
2012	M	M	BB		Hennepin County	Section 5309 FTA Discretionary Funding: Construct the Transportation Interchange Facility to handle additional LRT lines and enhance connections to other transportation modes- bus/ped/bike/auto	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
	Capital Improvement	FTA	\$12,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$2,500,000

*Other funds provided by: State of Minnesota bonds and Hennepin County local funding

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous TIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

Discretionary funds were received as the result of a successful proposal to the US DOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program which fosters innovative, multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional transportation projects that promise significant economic and environmental benefits to an entire metropolitan area, a region, or the nation. Part of the proposal was a certification that the TIP/STIP would be amended to include the new funding if awarded.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money- FTA TIGER III Grant Funds _____ X _____
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of _____
other projects _____

These are new funds awarded as part of the USDOT TIGER III initiative and administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), a Cognizant Modal Administration. These funds are outside of the current authorized TIP budget and, therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

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)..... _____

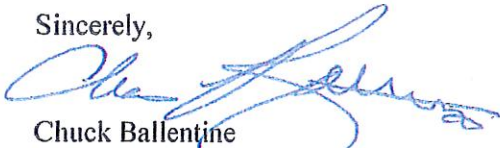
*Exempt Project Category #E-6 Bus terminals and transfer points per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

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 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please call me at 612-543-7274. Hennepin County Interchange Project staff will be available for questions at your February meeting.

Sincerely,



Chuck Ballentine
Senior Administrative Manager

- cc: Kevin Roggenbuck, Metropolitan Council
 Mary Gustafson, Metropolitan Council
 Jon Solberg, MnDOT
 Ed Hunter, Interchange Project
 Phil Eckhert, Hennepin County

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