

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 12,
2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: August 28, 2012

Subject: Amendment to 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program to identify the following additional products:

- Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study
- Highway Transitway Corridor Study
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- Thrive MSP 2040

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager Systems Planning Connie Kozlak presented this item. There was a brief discussion on the type of work contained in the UPWP to clarify it is primarily MTS planning staff time (including time spent participating in studies led by others) and consultant work on MTS planning studies. Staff mentioned that the 2013 UPWP will be coming to the committee for consideration in September.

Motion by Commers, seconded by Duininck and passed.

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

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Business Item

Item: 2012-268

Meeting date: August 27, 2012

Metropolitan Council meeting: September 12, 2012

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Date:	August 21, 2012
Subject:	Amendment to 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	SAFETEA-LU
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS, 651-602-1754 Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning, 651-602-1058 Connie Kozlak, Mgr. Systems Planning, 651-602-1720 Elaine Koutsoukos, Senior Planner MTS, 651-602-1717
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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Background

The primary purpose of the UPWP is to identify planning activities, serve as an application to the US DOT for federal transportation planning funds and to ensure coordination of planning activities among the various agencies involved in the regional transportation planning process. When the 2012 plan was prepared and adopted, specific studies were identified as they were known in June 2011. In addition, funding was set aside for long range planning projects identified in the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) for completion prior to the next TPP update, but it was not yet known which specific projects would begin in 2012.

Rationale

Additional specific studies have now been identified that have begun, or are likely to begin, in 2012.

Funding

In October 2011 the Metropolitan Council adopted a \$6,591,752 budget in the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program. The total funding is not changing. The budget will be amended to reallocate funding from the Research and Travel Forecasting activity to the TIP Development and Management activity to cover the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.