

# M Management Committee

Transportation Committee: June 9, 2008

Metropolitan Council: June 11, 2008

**Meeting date: June 11, 2008**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** June 4, 2008

**Subject:** 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment – Urban Partnership Agreement

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2008 Capital Program and Budget

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**Division/Department:** Transportation

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (Multi-year authorization) by adding specific authority to the Transportation Division as follows:  
Metro Transit: \$103,450,000
- Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing spending authority to the Transportation Division as follows:  
Metro Transit: \$ 69,311,500

### Background

The attached business item to the Transportation Committee provides the background for this proposed action.

### Rationale

See attached Transportation Committee business item.

### Fiscal Impact

This proposed amendment includes new regional bonding authorization, but is consistent with the Council goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time.

### Known Support / Opposition

See attached Transportation Committee business item

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**Business Item**  
 SW Item: 2008-152

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## Background

The Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) provides a comprehensive approach to congestion reduction that includes congestion pricing (tolling), transit improvements, telecommuting/telework, and the use of advanced technologies. Under the UPA program, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) awarded a series of grants totaling \$133.3 million jointly to MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council including an FTA grant for \$85.9 million to fund transit improvements. The required enabling legislation and local match funding has been passed and allocated, respectively. With few exceptions, all elements of the UPA program must be complete by September 30, 2009.

The table below summarizes project scope elements and budgets

Project Description	Project Budget <sup>1</sup>
Construct 3 park-and-rides on I-35W	\$32,700,000
Re-construct Marquette and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenues to provide double contra flow bus lanes	\$32,166,000
Purchase 26 buses to expand service on I-35W and Hwy 77	\$13,000,000
Construct 5 BRT stations and park-and-rides along Cedar Ave	\$11,100,000
Install passenger shelters on Marquette and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenues	\$9,394,000
Implement a lane guidance system for shoulder running buses on Cedar Avenue	\$5,300,000
Construct a transit advantage from northbound Hwy 77 to westbound Hwy 62	\$2,000,000
Install customer information systems and transit signal priority	\$1,715,000

<sup>1</sup> These are maximum allocations. The values may not represent total project cost since some project elements may have additional funding sources outside of the UPA.

<b>UPA Budget Total (Federal 5309 Funding plus Local Match)</b>	<b>\$107,375,000</b>
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**Rationale**

The proposed amendment programs new Federal, State of Minnesota General Obligation Bonds and Trunk Highway funds for the construction of the transit projects of the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA).

**Funding and Fiscal Impact**

The table below details the funding previously authorized through past capital budget amendments and the funding in this requested authorization. The requested amendment does not include \$400,000 of Trunk Highway Funds directly allocated to Mndot for the transit advantage lane at Hwy 62 and Hwy 77. This proposed amendment includes new regional bonding authorization and is consistent with the Council goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time.

Source	Previously Authorized	Adjustment	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>
FTA 5309	\$2,500,000	\$83,400,000	\$85,900,000
G.O. Bonds	\$0	\$16,672,000	\$16,672,000
TH Bonds	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
RTC	\$1,025,000	\$2,978,000	\$4,003,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,525,000</b>	<b>103,450,000</b>	<b>\$106,975,000</b>

**Known Support / Opposition**

USDOT selected the Minneapolis/St. Paul region as one of five urban partners in August 2007. A letter supporting the UPA projects as proposed and now awarded was submitted by Governor Pawlenty, Senator Steve Murphy, Chair of the Minnesota State Transportation Committee, and Representative Bernie Lieder, Chair of the Minnesota House Transportation Committee. The UPA application was signed by Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of Transportation Carol Molnau and Metropolitan Council Chair Peter Bell. The State Legislature and Governor passed enabling legislation and appropriated the local match.

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<sup>2</sup> The State Legislature and Governor allocated \$400,000 in TH Bonds directly to Mn/DOT as local match for the Hwy 77/62 transit advantage project.