

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2010-37

DATE: May 12, 2010
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment to include SP#91-595-24: Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility.

MOTION: That the TAB amends the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#91-595-24: Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This project received \$35,000,000 in federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funds for construction of the Union Depot train deck, including its tracks, drives and platforms. The grant is available through the Federal Transit Administration and will be administered by the Metropolitan Council.

Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 22, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	May 5, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

April 21, 2010

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: 91-595-24 Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility

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	Metro	BB	91-595-24	Ramsey County	Sect: 1301 – Union Depot Multimodal Transit Hub, St. Paul -Construction (TIGER Funds)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
MC	Transit	FFM	\$35,000,000	0	0	0	0	35,000,000	0	0

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).**

Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority (RCRRA) applied for \$135.7 million in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funds in September 2010 and was awarded a \$35 million grant on February 18, 2010. The funds will be applied for construction of the Union Depot train deck, including its tracks, drives and platforms. The grant is available through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will be administered by Metropolitan Council. FTA staff has requested that RCRRA submit a project application to receive the funds by May 7, 2010. Environmental work for the project is nearing completion and it is expected that FTA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will sign off on the Environmental Assessment in the next week, clearing the way for construction to begin later this summer.

- 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
- Other**

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: E-6 Bus Terminals and transfer points per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

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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 Tim Mayasich at 651-266-2762.

Sincerely,

Tim Mayasich
Director
Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management
Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Management