

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

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2011-19

**DATE:** February 9, 2011  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment Request for City of Saint Paul SP#164-030-009:  
Planning for Saint Paul Complete Streets Policy.  
**MOTION:** That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP to include City  
of Saint Paul SP#164-030-009: Planning for Saint Paul Complete Streets  
Policy.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** The City of Saint Paul was awarded a  
TIGER II Planning grant in the amount of \$250,000 to conduct planning activities  
supporting a citywide complete streets policy, including design guidelines, needs  
assessment, project prioritization, and implementation action plan. This project is for  
planning so is exempt from conformity analysis, is consistent with the TPP, and does not  
affect fiscal constraint because it is new federal money. Additional background material  
is attached.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	January 20, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	February 2, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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Date January 20, 2011

Karl Keel, Chair  
TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street No.  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities  
Metropolitan Area  
State Project Number: 164-030-009

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2011 -- 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the above referenced project in Program Years 2011. The project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
2011	M	M	City	164-030-009	City of Saint Paul	Planning Grant for Saint Paul Complete Streets – (TIGER II Funds)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA TARGET \$	HPP/EAR MARK \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$ (City of Saint Paul)
PL	Planning	ARRA	312,500	250,000	0	0	0	62,500

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**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 STIP).

The amendment is needed to identify project 164-030-009 in SFY 2011 of the 2011-2014 TIP that was awarded \$250,000 federal funds through the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program. The TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program was created for national infrastructure investments under the FY 2010 Appropriations Act. The City of Saint Paul applied for a TIGER II Planning Grant which was awarded on a competitive basis. Saint Paul was awarded its grant October 21, 2010.

The TIGER II Planning Grant will fund planning activities supporting a citywide complete streets policy, including design guidelines, needs assessment, project prioritization, and implementation action plan. This will provide clear guidelines for street designs that balance the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, transit, automobiles, and freight, and prioritized projects for implementation. One of the goals of the process is to create a complete streets model that can be replicated elsewhere in the metro area and Minnesota.

The complete streets planning process will have three major initiatives:

- o A citywide streets assessment,
- o Street design manual, and
- o A complete streets action plan.

#### Citywide Streets Assessment Report

The citywide streets assessment will include an analysis of transportation network and a review of street design processes. The transportation network analysis will identify service gaps, pinch points, where many transportation types are vying for limited space, and safety hotspots, and specific locations where there is an identified safety problem. The goal of the analysis is to provide criteria for necessary and vital improvements to transportation mode networks. This will be used to illustrate how future projects fit into the overall transportation needs of the City.

#### Street Design Manual

The street design manual will build on the citywide assessment to establish citywide street typology design standards. The guidebook will illustrate approved street design possibilities, explain positive and negative impacts of the design on all potential modes of transportation, and show how street design elements can be used together to create a complete streets design.

#### Complete Streets Action Plan

The focus of the complete streets action plan will be a prioritized list of projects based on need. Projects will be identified through the citywide assessment, community workshops, and staff interviews. The list will define criteria used to rank the projects, a rating in terms of the scale of the project, and a map identifying the location of the projects. The action plan will identify between one and ten pilot projects as a first phase to implement the complete streets plan.

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

- New Money \*(FHWA TIGER II Planning Grant)   X
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside the ATP target
- Other

\* This project received funds from the TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program under the federal FY 2010 Appropriations Act and will also be using local funds provided by the City of St. Paul. These funds are in addition to regular federal formula funds. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council's 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 MN/DOT on November 22, 2010 for transmittal to the US Department of Transportation for a conformity determination.

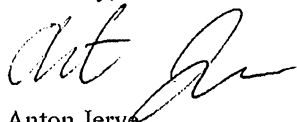
**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- 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 # 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. Federal-aid systems revisions. Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 266-6567.

Sincerely,



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City Planner  
City of Saint Paul,  
Department of Planning and Economic Development

cc: Cindy Krumsieg, MN/DOT Metro Program Management