

Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2008-51

Meeting date: February 25, 2008

For Metropolitan Council meeting March 12, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	February 20, 2008
Subject:	2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: Scenic Byway (TAB Action 2008-07)
District(s), Member(s):	District 6 – Leppik, District 7 – Meeks, District 8 – Wittsack
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning MTS (651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst MTS (651-602-1719)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to identify Scenic Byway Funds received in the 2007 Appropriation Act for the Minnesota Great River Road and Minneapolis Grand Rounds Projects.

Background

The selection of projects for these funds by the Federal Government occurs on a schedule that regularly requires a TIP amendment to add the selected projects to the TIP.

Rationale

In order to spend federal transportation funds, the project must be in the current TIP.

Funding

The amendment is required so the allocated federal funds can be used.

Known Support / Opposition

MnDOT submitted the amendment on behalf of Minneapolis. There is no known opposition.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Donn R. Wiski
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February 20, 2008

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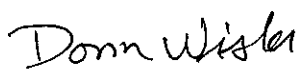
Mr. Bell:

On February 20, 2008, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) voted to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include four projects that received federal Scenic Byways funding in the 2007 Appropriations Act. The four projects are:

- SP# 91-060-06 (Mn. Great River Road);
- SP# 91-060-079 (Minneapolis Grand Rounds Victory Memorial);
- SP# 91-060-083 (Grand Rounds Miss. Gorge-Restroom Facility);
- SP# 91-060-085 (Grand Rounds Wayfinding Improvement Study).

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2008-07.

Sincerely,



cr Donn Wiski, Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

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Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2008-07

DATE: February 20, 2008
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: 2008-2011 TIP Amendment Scenic Byway funds received in the 2007 Appropriations Act for: SP 91-060-06 (Mn. Great River Road); SP 91-060-079 (Minneapolis Grand Rounds Victory Memorial); SP 91-060-083 (Grand Rounds Miss. Gorge-Restroom Facility); SP 91-060-085(Grand Rounds Wayfinding Improvement Study).

MOTION: The TAB amended the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to identify Scenic Byway Funds received in the 2007 Appropriations Act for the Minnesota Great River Road and Minneapolis Grand Rounds projects.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:
Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Executive Committee	Review & Recommend	February 6, 2008
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	February 6, 2008
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 20, 2008
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	February 20, 2008
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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February 6, 2008

Allen Lovejoy, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee
Metropolitan Council
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
State Project Number: 91-060-06 - Mn Great River Road
91-060-079 - Mpls. Grand Rounds Victory Memorial
91-060-083 - Grand Rounds Miss. Gorge - Restroom Facility
91-060-085- Grand Rounds Wayfinding Improvement Study

Dear Mr. Lovejoy:

Please amend the 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2008. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

See Attached Project List

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).

This amendment is needed to identify Scenic Byway funds that were received in the 2007 Appropriations Act.

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

- New Money (checked)
Anticipated Advance Construction
ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint (checked)
Other**

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AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination _____
- Exempt from regional level analysis* Yes
- Exempt from project level analysis..... Yes
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation..... _____
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)..... _____

*Project Exempt Category :

O-8 Directional & Information signs (Projects 1 & 2)

O-1 Specific activities which do not lead involve or lead directly to construction (Projects 4)

S-15 Safety Roadside Rest areas (Project 3)

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on December 14, 2005, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 1, 2005.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Lemay 651.234.7773.

Sincerely,



Greg Coughlin
MnDOT - Metro State Aid Engineer

cc:

Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management

Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management

Sharon Lemay, Metro State Aid

Lynette Roshell, Office of State Aid

Mark Anderson, Office of Environmental Services

SCENIC BYWAY PROJECTS - 2007 APPROPRIATIONS

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Red # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES	PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FWWA Target	HPP \$ (currenty avail. In 2005 or pooled)	Earmark \$	FWWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
1	2008	M	Local	91-060-06 MN07(003)	City of St. Paul	MN Great River Road - St. Paul Interpretive Signage & Kiosk Proposal	N/A	PL	Planning	SB	156,250	0	0	125,000	0	0	0	31,250 (Local Match)
2	2008	M	Local	91-060-079 MN07(008)	Mpls. Park & Recreation Board	Minneapolis Grand Rounds Victory memorial	N/A	PL	Planning	SB	112,500	0	0	90,000	0	0	0	22,500 (Local Match)
3	2008	M	Local	91-060-083 MN07(018)	Mpls. Park & Recreation Board	Grand Rounds Mississippi Gorge - Restroom Facility	N/A	PL	Planning	SB	300,000	0	0	200,000	0	0	0	100,000 (Local match)
4	2008	M	Local	91-060-085 MN07(020)	Mpls. Park & Recreation Board	Grand Rounds Wayfinding Improvement Study	N/A	PL	Planning	SB	15,000	0	0	12,000	0	0	0	3,000 (Local Match)