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Management Committee: April 9, 2008

Metropolitan Council: April 23, 2008

Meeting date: April 14, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 3, 2008
Subject:	2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2008 Capital Program and Budget
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Division/Department:	Transportation (Metro Transit & Metropolitan Transportation Services)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (Multi-year authorization) by adding spending authority to the Transportation Division as follows:

○ Metro Transit		\$ 25,899,534
Amendments to ACP	\$ 28,420,009	
Deletions from ACP	(\$ 2,520,475)	
○ Metropolitan Transportation Services		\$ 0
- Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing spending authority to the Transportation Division as follows:

○ Metro Transit		\$ 18,248,002
○ Metropolitan Transportation Services		\$ 0
- Approve transfers between capital projects as detailed in Attachment 1.

Background

Metro Transit

Reallocation of Existing Funds

Support Equipment – Project 65490

Support Equip & Non-Rev Vehicles – Project 65590

Support Equipment & Non-Rev Vehicles – Project 65790

Projects 65490 and 65590 are intended for the purchase of capital support equipment and non-revenue vehicles. These projects will be closed and the remaining funds transferred into project 65790 which has the same purpose. It will streamline the administration and control of the project.

Downtown Mpls Transit Advantage – Project 63611

CR 73/I394 Park and Ride Exp – Project 63956

The March 2007 budget amendment temporarily reallocated \$920,433 of RTC funds from project 63956 to accommodate other projects with higher priorities. Projected costs are under the original authorization and budget of \$9,535,000 by approx. \$500,000. The proposed transfer projects the final project expenses at \$9,034,567.

Introduction of New Funds

Central Corridor LRT – Project 65701

This budget amendment is increasing the project authorization by \$10,223,225; this includes \$10,095,025 of Federal funds and \$128,200 of RRA (Regional Rail Authority) funds. Federal funds are being added to match the federal award documents received to-date. The RRA money is being added so that the Council can recognize the full “not to exceed” amounts approved by the HCRRA and RCRRRA boards.

Non-bus vehicles/other capital equipment – Project 65390

Support Equipment – Project 65490

UPA (Urban Partnership Agreement) P&R Lots – Project 63740

The current federal authorization of \$1.2 million will be increased by \$1.3 million to a total of \$2.5 million. This will authorize some of the Federal funds that were designated in the UPA agreement for early release. These funds are only for the North Side UPA activity which is not subject to legislative action under the UPA. Local funds are being transferred from other projects to provide match.

28th Avenue Park and Ride Lease – Project 63xxx

Downtown Transit Advantages – Project 63611

The 28th Avenue Park and Ride Lease was initially approved by the Council in early 2006 and amended a number of times in 2006 and 2007, bringing the total authorization to \$15,520,000. When the 2008 Authorized Capital Program was adopted by the Council in December of 2007, this project was inadvertently omitted from the project list approved by the Council. This proposed amendment would reinstate the project into the Authorized Capital Program and then amend the project to recognize additional federal funding. Local funds are being transferred from another project to provide matching funds.

I-35W Transit Station at 46th – Project 63111

Federal funds totaling \$990,000 are being added, equal to the 2006 federal legislative apportionment.

Northstar Commuter Rail Rolling Stock – Project 65510

This capital project includes those portions of the Northstar Commuter Rail project that are the responsibility of the Metropolitan Council, including preliminary engineering and procurement of rolling stock. Other portions of the overall project (ROW acquisition, station construction, track upgrades, etc.) are the responsibility of the Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA) and are not included in the Council’s authorized capital program. The Council has locomotive milestone payments coming due in 2008 but does not have immediate access to federal or county funding pledged to the project, creating a cash flow issue.

In 2004, the Council approved transferring \$2,500,000 from remaining balances in several closed debt service funds to the NCDA to provide the local match for land acquisition. Those funds have not been requested or transferred. The proposed capital program amendment transfers the \$2,500,000 from the NCDA portion of the overall project to the Council’s rolling stock capital project and transfers \$2,500,000 in county funds from the Council’s project to the NCDA capital project. There is no change in the scope or total authorization for project 65510. The \$2,500,000 in county funds that previously would have funded rolling stock procurement will instead fund land acquisition and other project costs.

Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

**Route 705 Mid-Size Bus Purchase – New Project
Community Based Small Bus Purchase – Project 35770**

Staff recommends that a new project for Route 705 mid-size bus purchase added to the authorized capital program (ACP). This project will allow MTS to purchase 3 mid-sized heavy duty transit buses for the operation of a restructured route under the Sector 8 service plan. These mid-size buses will offer an appropriate level of capacity for newly created cross-town (east/west oriented) service. Contract rates for mid-sized buses are significantly lower than the rates for 40-foot service and will result in a substantial savings in our 2009 operating budget. The new service is expected to start in March 2009. Approval of this project is time critical because once ordered the expected delivery date could be up to one year later. Regional capital funding is being transferred from another project to provide the funding for this new project.

Rationale

The proposed amendment programs new federal and local funding and reallocates existing regional funding to allow the Council to carry out its long-term capital improvement program for transit.

Funding and Fiscal Impact

This proposed amendment reinstates \$4,720,000 in regional capital funding that had been previously approved by the Council. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Council goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time. The \$4,720,000 was included in previous fiscal analysis done by staff on the capital improvement program.

Known Support / Opposition

None known.

	CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED					PROPOSED CHANGE					AMENDED					2008 Capital Budget	Multi-Year Authorization	
	Federal	State	Other	Regional	Total	Federal	State	Other	Regional	Total	Federal	State	Other	Regional	Total			
METRO TRANSIT																Original Adopted	\$ 116,321,422	\$ 1,223,672,135
																After Prior Amendments	\$ 132,441,422	\$ 1,268,022,258
																After This Amendment	\$ 150,689,424	\$ 1,293,921,792
REALLOCATION OF EXISTING FUNDS																		
65490 Support Equipment				\$ 2,136,916	\$ 2,136,916				\$ (287,305)	\$ (287,305)	see project 65490 below					\$ -	\$ (287,305)	
65590 Support Equip & Non-Rev Vehicles				\$ 1,160,000	\$ 1,160,000				\$ (218,992)	\$ (218,992)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 941,008	\$ 941,008	\$ -	\$ (218,992)	
65790 Support Equipment & Non-Rev Vehicles				\$ 631,372	\$ 631,372				\$ 506,297	\$ 506,297	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,137,669	\$ 1,137,669	\$ 506,297	\$ 506,297	
63611 Downtown Mpls Transit Advantages				\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000				\$ (420,000)	\$ (420,000)	see project 63611 below					\$ -	\$ (420,000)	
63956 CR 73/I394 Park and Ride Exp	\$ 1,035	\$ 8,000,000		\$ 613,532	\$ 8,614,567				\$ 420,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 1,035	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,033,532	\$ 9,034,567	\$ 420,000	\$ 420,000	
NEW FUNDING																		
65701 Central Corridor LRT	\$ 7,780,200	\$ 13,048,000	\$ 24,171,800		\$ 45,000,000	\$ 10,095,025		\$ 128,200		\$ 10,223,225	\$ 17,875,225	\$ 13,048,000	\$ 24,300,000	\$ -	\$ 55,223,225	\$ 10,223,225	\$ 10,223,225	
65390 Non-bus vehicles/other capital equipment				\$ 1,788,928	\$ 1,788,928				\$ (454,856)	\$ (454,856)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,334,072	\$ 1,334,072	\$ -	\$ (454,856)	
65490 Support Equipment	see project 65490 above								\$ (270,144)	\$ (270,144)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,579,467	\$ 1,579,467	\$ -	\$ (270,144)	
63740 Urban Partnership Agreement P&R Lots	\$ 1,200,000			\$ 300,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,300,000			\$ 725,000	\$ 2,025,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 3,525,000	\$ 2,025,000	\$ 2,025,000	
63xxx 28th Ave P&R Lease - restore to ACP					\$ -	\$ 10,800,000			\$ 4,720,000	\$ 15,520,000	see project 63xxx below					\$ 3,600,000	\$ 15,520,000	
63xxx 28th Ave P&R Lease - amend project	see project 63xxx above					\$ 386,784			\$ 96,696	\$ 483,480	\$ 11,186,784	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,816,696	\$ 16,003,480	\$ 483,480	\$ 483,480	
63611 Downtown Mpls Transit Advantages	see project 63611 above								\$ (96,696)	\$ (96,696)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 483,304	\$ 483,304		\$ (96,696)	
63111 I-35W Transit Station at 46th		\$ 3,400,000	\$ 174,432	\$ 185,172	\$ 3,759,604	\$ 990,000				\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 3,400,000	\$ 174,432	\$ 185,172	\$ 4,749,604	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	
65510 Northstar Rolling Stock	\$ 48,433,098	\$ 3,400,000	\$ 20,000,679	\$ -	\$ 71,833,777			\$ (2,500,000)	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 48,433,098	\$ 3,400,000	\$ 17,500,679	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 71,833,777	\$ -	\$ -	
METRO TRANSIT BUS TOTAL	\$ 57,414,333	\$ 27,848,000	\$ 44,346,911	\$ 7,815,920	\$ 137,425,164	\$ 23,571,809	\$ -	\$ (2,371,800)	\$ 7,220,000	\$ 28,420,009	\$ 80,986,142	\$ 27,848,000	\$ 41,975,111	\$ 15,035,920	\$ 165,845,173	\$ 18,248,002	\$ 28,420,009	
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES																Original Adopted	\$ 25,307,102	\$ 73,014,622
																After Prior Amendments	\$ 29,157,102	\$ 58,414,540
																After This Amendment	\$ 29,157,102	\$ 58,414,540
REALLOCATION OF EXISTING FUNDS																		
35770 Community Based Small Bus Purchase				\$ 1,535,000	\$ 1,535,000				\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 535,000	\$ 535,000	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)	
New Route 705 Mid-Size Bus Purchase					\$ -				\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	
Section Subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,535,000	\$ 1,535,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,535,000	\$ 1,535,000	\$ -	\$ -	
MTS BUS TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,535,000	\$ 1,535,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,535,000	\$ 1,535,000	\$ -	\$ -	
TRANSPORTATION TOTAL	\$ 57,414,333	\$ 27,848,000	\$ 44,346,911	\$ 9,350,920	\$ 138,960,164	\$ 23,571,809	\$ -	\$ (2,371,800)	\$ 7,220,000	\$ 28,420,009	\$ 80,986,142	\$ 27,848,000	\$ 41,975,111	\$ 16,570,920	\$ 167,380,173	\$ 18,248,002	\$ 28,420,009	

Projects closed and removed from Capital Program

65490 Non-bus vehicles/other capital equipment	\$ (1,579,467)
65590 Support Equipment	\$ (941,008)

Net Change in Authorization

\$ 25,899,534

\$ 24,659,548 \$ 23,213,225