

# Transportation Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2008-231

**Meeting date: September 22 2008**

**Council meeting October 8, 2008**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	August 21, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	2008-2011 TIP Amendment for SP#TRF-0018-08B Routing Software for Coordinating Transit Systems (TAB Action 2008-23)
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	TAB Action
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning (651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719) Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Liaison (651-602-1728)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add TRF-0018-08B for routing software for coordinating Metropolitan Council elderly and disability service transit systems.

### **Background**

This is a joint demonstration project by MTS, Metro Mobility and MnDOT.

### **Rationale**

In order to spend Federal Transportation Funds, the project must be in the current TIP.

### **Funding**

Section 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program through MnDOT's Office of Transit.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

The Metropolitan Council applied for and MnDOT approved funding. There is no known opposition.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Donn R. Wiski  
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September 2, 2008

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Peter Bell, Chair  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street No.  
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Mr. Bell:

On August 20, 2008, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) voted to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP# TRF-0018-08B in program year 2009. The funding in this amendment will be used to purchase routing software for coordinating Metropolitan Council elderly and disability service transit systems.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2008-23.

Sincerely,



192 Donn Wiski, Chair  
Transportation Advisory Board

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

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2008-23

**DATE:** September 2, 2008  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2008-2011 TIP Amendment for SP#TRF-0018-08B Routing Software for Coordinating Transit Systems.

**MOTION:** The TAB amended the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding TRF-0018-08B for routing software for coordinating Metropolitan Council elderly and disability service transit systems.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:**

This amendment is needed to identify \$125,000 in 5310 funding with a \$125,000 match from the Metropolitan Council to purchase technology to better coordinate transit systems for system efficiencies. Additional operating funds were provided by the Federal Transit Administration for a new technology project that will provide an electronic routing system to aide several transit providers in coordinating their transportation systems.

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	July 17, 2008
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	August 6, 2008
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	August 20, 2008
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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July 17, 2008

Tom Johnson, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
 230 East Fifth St.  
 Mears Park Centre  
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: TRF-0018-08B

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please amend the 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2009. 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
2009	M	M	BB	TRF-0018-08B	Metropolitan Council	Technology project utilizing routing software for coordinating transit systems - 5310	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	HPP AC \$	FHWA Target AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	FTA	250,000	0	0	0	0	125,000	0	125,000 (Met. Council)

**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).

Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program, is funded by FTA through MnDOT's Office of Transit. Additional operating funds were provided by FTA for a new technology project that will provide an electronic routing system to aide several transit providers in coordinating their transportation systems. The amendment is needed to identify this project in the TIP.

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\*\*   \_\_\_\_\_

\*FTA 5310 Operating Funds

**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).....  \_\_\_\_\_

\* Exemption Code- T-1 Operating assistance to transit agencies

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**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 me at 651-234-7793.

Sincerely,



Sherry Narusiewicz  
Transportation Program Coordinator  
Metro Program Management

cc: Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management  
Chuck Morris, MnDOT Office of Transit