

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-40

Meeting date: February 9, 2009

Council meeting February 25, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	January 30, 2009
Subject:	2009-2012 TIP Amendment: MnDOT, Include SP#90-060-067 Minneapolis Grand Rounds Mississippi Gorge Picnic/Observation Area (TAB Action 2009-03)
District(s), Member(s):	District 6 – Leppik, District 7 – Meeks, District 8 – Wittsack
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Director Finance & Planning(651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#91-060-067, Minneapolis Grand Rounds Mississippi Gorge Picnic/Observation Area.

Background

To spend federal transportation funds, the project must be in the current TIP

Rationale

This project had to be deferred due to the I-35W Bridge Construction after it was authorized and, therefore, could not continue to be included in the TIP.

Funding

The funds had been de-obligated when the project could not move forward but now have been reallocated and returned to Minnesota in FYY 2009.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Donn R. Wiski
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January 27, 2009

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Peter Bell, Chair
Metropolitan Council
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Mr. Bell,

On January 21, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP# 91-060-067, Minneapolis Grand Rounds Mississippi Gorge Picnic/Observation Area.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-03.

Sincerely,



kw Donn Wiski, Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2009-03

DATE: January 27, 2009
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: 2009-2012 TIP amendment for Minneapolis Grand Rounds Mississippi Gorge Picnic/Observation Area

MOTION: The Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#91-060-067 Minneapolis Grand Rounds Mississippi Gorge Picnic/Observation Area.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The TIP amendment is needed because this project was deferred after being authorized because the I-35W Bridge Collapse required the project area to be used as a staging area for the recovered bridge pieces. The project was withdrawn and funds were de-obligated and sent to Washington at the end of FFY 2008. The funds were reallocated and returned to Minnesota in FFY 2009. The amendment is needed to identify the project in the current TIP so that the project can once again move forward with a proposed construction timeframe of Spring 2009.

The project list is and TIP Amendment request letter are attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	December 18, 2008
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	January 4, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	January 21, 2009
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	January 21, 2009
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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December 18, 2008

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 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number: 91-060-067 Mpls. Grand Rounds Mississippi Gorge-
 Picnic/Observation

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please amend the 2009 – 2012 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	Local	91-060-067 SBMN06 (011)	Mpls. Park & Rec. Board	Mpls. Grand Rounds Mississippi Gorge – Picnic/Observation	N/A

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	SB	3,228,793	0	2,583,034	0	0	0	0	645,759 (Local Match)

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 project was originally authorized on June 21, 2007. However, with the I35W bridge collapse, it was necessary for this project area to be used as a staging area for the recovered bridge pieces. The project was withdrawn and funds were de-obligated and sent to Washington at the end of federal fiscal year 2008. The funds were reallocated and returned to Minnesota in federal fiscal year 2009. The amendment is needed to identify the project in the 2009-2012 TIP so the project can once again move forward with a proposed construction timeframe of Spring 2009.

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

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

* Scenic Byway 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) _____

* S-15 – Safety Roadside Rest Areas

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April 17, 2008
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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, 2004, 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 Sherry Narusiewicz at 651.234.7793.

Sincerely,

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Director, Metro Investment Management

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management
Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management
Sharon Lemay, Metro State Aid
Mark Anderson, Office of Environmental Services