

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: February 23, 2009**

**Council Meeting: February 25, 2009**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	February 18, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	2009-2012 TIP Amendment: Amend the TIP to include five projects to be funded through the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Program, TAB Action 2009-11
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	TAB Action
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Director Finance & Planning( 651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	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 the following five projects to be funded through the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Program (ERRP).

- SP# 8214-142; TH 5 reconstruction in Oakdale, Lake Elmo, Baytown Twp. and Oak Park Heights.
- SP# 2733-86; TH 100 rebuild lighting system from I-494 to Vernon Ave. in Edina.
- SP# 1981-122; I-35W rebuild lighting system from Cliff Rd. in Burnsville to 106<sup>th</sup> St. in Bloomington.
- SP# 2780-84; I-94 Fish Lake interchange living snow fence in Maple Grove.
- SP# 2780-83; I-94 rebuild cable median barrier from Fish Lake interchange in Maple Grove to Hennepin/Wright County line

### **Background**

In order to quickly create Minnesota jobs, MnDOT is requesting five new projects be added to the 2009-2012 TIP.

### **Rationale**

In order to use ERRP funds, the projects must be in the current TIP. There are significant deadlines in the ERRP. MnDOT has requested the Council move quickly to advance these projects.

### **Funding**

The ERRP is providing 100% funding for eligible transportation projects.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

MnDOT presented these projects at the TAC February 13, 2009, Special Meeting, and they were approved by the TAB on February 18, 2009. No opposition was expressed.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Donn R. Wiski  
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February 19, 2009

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Mr. Bell,

On February 18, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include five projects that will be the first projects in the seven-county metropolitan area to utilize Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Funds. The five projects are identified in the attached documentation.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-11.

Sincerely,



*rk* Donn Wiski, Chair  
Transportation Advisory Board

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**Transportation Advisory Board**  
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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2009-11

**DATE:** February 19, 2009  
**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2009-2012 TIP Amendment to include five projects to be funded through the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Program.

**MOTION:** The Transportation Advisory Board amended the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following five projects to be funded through the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Program:

- SP# 8214-142; TH 5 reconstruction in Oakdale, Lake Elmo, Baytown Twp. and Oak Park Heights.
- SP# 2733-86; TH 100 rebuild lighting system from I-494 to Vernon Ave. in Edina.
- SP# 1981-122; I-35W rebuild lighting system from Cliff Rd. in Eagan to 106<sup>th</sup> St. in Burnsville.
- SP# 2780-84; I-94 Fish Lake interchange living snow fence landscaping in Maple Grove.
- SP# 2780-83; I94 rebuild cable median barrier from Fish Lake interchange in Maple Grove to Hennepin/Wright County line.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** These five projects are the first ones in the Metro District to be funded through the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Program (ERRP). These five projects will be funded 100% with federal ERRP funds from the state's (MN/DOT) allocation. None of the projects listed above are in the TIP and they must be amended into the Program to use federal funds. All five of these projects have anticipated letting dates in March and April, 2009.

Also attached is a spreadsheet listing two projects that were already programmed in the 2009-2012 STIP that will be advanced to a 2009 letting from the original program year using economic recovery funding. These projects were amended by MN/DOT through an administrative modification. Additional background material is attached.

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**ROUTING**

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	February 13, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 18, 2009
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	February 18, 2009
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



## Minnesota Department of Transportation

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February 13, 2009

Timothy Mayasich, Chair  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Metropolitan Council  
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
State Project Number: 8214-142 – TH 5  
2733-86 - TH 100  
1981-122 – I35W  
2780-83 – I94  
2780-84 – I94

Dear Mr. Mayasich:

Please amend the Twin Cities 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the 2009 projects on the attached list. The projects are being submitted in anticipation of the enactment of the Economic Recovery Bill next week. The projects on the attached list are ready for a March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup> let dates and as such must be advertised by March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We request approval of this amendment in an expedited manner to meet the advertisement deadline.

### **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).

*An Economic Recovery Bill is under consideration by Congress in an effort to respond to increasingly dire economic conditions. Infrastructure is expected to be a significant emphasis in any bill passed. All reports out of Washington indicate that the Economic Recovery Package will have an aggressive schedule for implementation. This made it extremely important for states to do some preliminary vetting of projects that would meet possible requirements of the bill.*

*The projects in the attached list have been deemed most likely to meet the requirements of an Economic Recovery Program. Criteria to develop the list included:*

- *Job Creation should be the overriding objective for project selection*
- *Project "readiness" for authorization or contract letting as well as project deliverability should be given priority*
- *Projects already in the out years of the STIP/TIP where project development is complete or near completion should be considered for advancement*
- *Project timing should be considered so as to spread the demand for labor, equipment, and capital resources over the entire eligibility period and ultimately keep material and labor costs in check*
- *Projects meeting various bill requirements, e.g. state, local, MPO, small urban, etc.*

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216?

- *These projects will be funded through the Federal Economic Recovery Package. Based on the funding information coming out of Congress, Mn/DOT has assumed a doubling of the 2008 program or approximately \$525 million. The total amount assumed for the Twin Cities Metro Area is approximately \$289 million. The breakdown of funds is shown below:*

MnDOT(50% of State Discretionary)	\$155Million
Met Council (STP Urban Guarantee)	\$109 Million
Met Council (CMAQ – 90%)	<u>\$ 25 Million</u>

- *The projects in this amendment are the first to tap this funding and equal \$ (Formal Amendment total = \$8.693m; Administrative Modifications = \$9.095m). If a Federal Economic Recovery Package is not passed this fiscal year, Metro District will pursue these projects in the previously planned timeframes, as funding allowed.*

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

\* SP 8214-142 TH 5 – S-10 Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation  
SP 2733-86 TH 100 – S-18 Lighting Improvements  
SP 1981-122 I 35W – S-18 Lighting Improvements  
SP 2780-83 I94 – S-9 Guardrails, median barriers, crash cushions  
SP 2780-84 I94 – O-6 Landscaping

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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 me at 651.234.7783.

Sincerely,

Pat Bursaw  
Director, Planning, Program Management and Transit  
Metro District

cc: Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management

**TRUNK HIGHWAY  
FORMAL AMENDMENTS  
FOR 2009-12 STIP  
SFY 2009**

**ECON. RECOVERY**

PROJECT LIST FOR USE OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDS											
Project Number	Agency	Description	Miles	Program	Type of Work	PROPOSED FUNDS	STIP TOTAL	FED ECON RECOVERY FUNDS (STATE \$)	ECON RECOVERY FUNDS (LOCAL \$)	Air Quality Code	COMMENTS
8214-142	MnDOT	**ES** Approx 400' W of I694 to 700'S of 55th St. in Oakdale, Lake Elmo, Baytown Township and Oak Park Hts. - Lt. Turn Lane and Roadway Reconstruction, Repair spot erosion, Catch basins, Storm Sewer & culverts	6.0	SC	Grade and Surface	HSIP	3,210,000	3,210,000		S10	
2733-86	MnDOT	**ES** Rebuild lighting system - I494 to Vernon Ave. in Edina	4.4	SC	Lighting	NHS	1,712,000	1,712,000		S-18	This project is tied to SP 1981-122(below) and SP 2733-86 (Admin. Mod list). The total cost of 3 projects is \$3,049,500. (Const. + CE)
1981-122	MnDOT	**ES** - Rebuild lighting system - From Cliff Road in Eagan to 106th St. in Burnsville - Replace lighting	2.0	SC	Lighting	IM	481,500	481,500		S-18	This project is tied to SP 2733-86(Above) and SP 2734-45(Admin. Mod list). The total cost of 3 projects is \$3,049,500 (Const. + CE).
2780-84	MnDOT	**ES** - Fish Lake Interchange Living Snow Fence Landscaping in Maple Grove	0.1	RB	Landscaping	NHS	80,250	80,250		O-6	
2780-83	MnDOT	**ES** Fish Lake Interchange to Henn/Wright Co. Line - Rebuild Cable Median Barrier	10.8	SH	Median Barrier	IM	3,210,000	3,210,000		S-9	
			23.3				8,693,750	8,693,750			

