

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-145

Meeting date: April 27, 2009

Council meeting May 13, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 21, 2009
Subject:	2009-2012 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit New Starts funding Central Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering and Final Design (TAB Action 2009-27)
District(s), Member(s):	District 7, Meeks; District 8, Wittsack; District 13, Aguilar; District 14, Beach
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, MTS Dep. Dir Finance & Planning (651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, MTS Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)
Division/Department:	MTS

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 a total of \$25,000,000 for the Central Corridor LRT New Starts PE and Final Design.

Background

New funds were made available in the 2009 federal budget for the Central Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering and Final Design.

Rationale

In order to use these funds, they must be in the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Funding

These are new funds, so the fiscal balance of the TIP is maintained.

Known Support / Opposition

There was no opposition to this amendment at the TAC or TAB meetings.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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April 22, 2009

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

On April 15, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a total of \$25.0 million for the Central Corridor LRT New Starts PE and Final Design.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-27.

Sincerely,

Keri Roepke
TAB Coordinator

for

Bill Hargis, Acting Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

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Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2009-27

DATE: April 22, 2009
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: 2009-2012 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit New Starts funding Central Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering and Final Design

MOTION: The Transportation Advisory Board amended the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a total of \$25,000,000 for the Central Corridor LRT New Starts PE and Final Design.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:

With the approval of the 2009 Federal Budget, the council has been awarded new funds to support the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Final Design (FD) of the Central Corridor Light Rail Project that is currently in PE and in application for FD leading to the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) as described in FTA New Starts Process.

Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 19, 2009
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	April 1, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 15, 2009
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	April 15, 2009
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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March 16, 2009

Karl Keel, 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 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

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	BB	NEW	Metro Council	Section 5309 NewStarts for Central Corridor LRT Project. Funds to support PE and Final Design	11 Miles

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	FTA 5309 Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
B3	Transit LRT	FTA	25,000,000			20,000,000				5,000,000

Karl Keel

Date

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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). With the approval of the 2009 Federal Budget, the Council has been awarded new funds to support the Preliminary Engineering(PE) and Final Design(FD) of the Central Corridor Light Rail Project that is currently in PE and in application for FD leading to the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) as described in FTA Newstarts process.

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 X
- Other**

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis*..... O2
- Exempt from project level analysis**.....
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation.....
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area).....

* Exemption Code_ O2_ Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

(O2: Engineering to assess social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternatives to that action)

Karl Keel

Date

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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 _Susan Stensland at 612-349-7603 or Mani Vannavong at 612-349-7549.

Sincerely,

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management
Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management
Mark Furhrmann, CCPO, Deputy General Manager
Susan Stensland, Grants Manager