

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: July 13, 2009
Council meeting July 22, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 7, 2009
Subject:	Scope Change and 2009-2012 TIP Amendment to add parking spaces to the Silver Leaf Transit Station (TAB Action 2009-41)
District(s), Member(s):	District 1, Scherer
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Planning & Finance MTS (651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst MTS (651-602-1719)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to change the project scope to add parking spaces to the Silver Leaf Transit Station, and increase the funds by \$400,000, and to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Background

The change in scope is required to correctly portray the project in the TIP.

Rationale

The project must be correctly described in the current TIP to use federal transportation funds, therefore, the need for a TIP Amendment.

Funding

The total cost of the project will increase by \$400,000 which will be provided by Maple Grove and the Metropolitan Council.

Known Support / Opposition

There was no opposition presented at the TAC or the TAB.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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

On June 17, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to approve a change in project scope for SP# 189-080-03 and SP# 189-080-04, the Silver Leaf Transit Station in Maple Grove. The scope change allows Maple Grove to increase the size of the parking facility from 375 spaces to 490 spaces.

Because the federal funds for this project were acquired through the regional solicitation process, the TAB must approve any proposed change in project scope.

The TAB requests that the Met Council concur with the TAB's approval of the scope change and vote to amend the TIP to reflect the revised project scope.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-41.

Sincerely,



for Bill Hargis, Acting Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2009-41

DATE: July 6, 2009
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: Scope Change request, Maple Grove, Silver Leaf Transit Station,
SP#189-080-03 and SP#189-080-04)

MOTION: That TAB approved a change in project scope for the Silver Leaf Transit Station to increase the number of parking spaces from 375 to 490.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The city of Maple Grove is requesting a scope change for their Silver Leaf Transit station. The change doesn't affect funding. A storm pond has been relocated from the center of the 7 acre site which means the city could build 490 instead of 375 stalls. The total cost of the project will increase by \$400,000. The cost increase will be shared equally by the city of Maple Grove and the Metropolitan Council through RTC funds. The air quality would actually improve over the original concept.

Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 21, 2009
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	June 3, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	June 17, 2009
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	June 17, 2009
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



City of Maple Grove

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May 13, 2009

Karl Keel,
Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council 390 North Robert Street
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Dear Mr. Keel:

The purpose of this letter is to have the TAC Funding and Programming Committee review and approve at its May 21, 2009 meeting a request for a grant scope change for the Silver Leaf Transit Station as it relates to a change from 375 to 490 parking stalls. This request does not seek an increase or decrease in the level of Federal grant amount, but rather a project scope change as the increased project costs are being covered by non-Federal sources.

Project Background and Status

In July 2007, the City of Maple Grove submitted a grant application (80 % CMAQ and 20% local RTC bonds) to the Metropolitan Council for the 2007 Regional Solicitation for funding phase one of a park and ride project located in the area of T.H. 610 and I-94. The application stated that the funds would be used land acquisition, 375 surface stalls, busway, footings for a future ramp, and an interim passenger shelter. A future second phase would add a parking ramp.

This project has now received preliminary funding approval from both the Metropolitan Council and MNDOT for land acquisition in 2009 and construction of phase one in 2010. As of April 2009, the total grant amount is \$8,433,786. A land appraisal is complete and certified. A Project Memorandum is under review by MNDOT. The City Council is expected to approve on May 18 a Purchase Agreement for the land that is contingent on the Federal and State Funding and City approval of a PUD Amendment on June 1st.

Scope Amendment

At the time of the grant application, the 7 acre parcel for the Silver Leaf Station included a storm pond that was about one acre in size. The City was able to negotiate with the land owner to relocate that storm pond on an adjacent parcel at no cost to the City. The relocation of the pond created more net usable square feet, which allows the City to construct more surface stalls than anticipated at the time of the grant applications. The continued rapid growth of Maple Grove ridership demonstrates the additional stalls are a prudent investment. Maple Grove provided 807,437 rides in 2008, which represents a 19 percent increase over the 2007 ridership and set ridership records for annual high ridership in 16 of its 19 years of service. This scope change should also be beneficial to the region by delaying the need for phase two and reducing the cost of phase two by reducing the total number of structured stalls.

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The following key points illustrate from the City's perspective why the scope amendment does not affect the federal funding amount:

- In a memorandum dated March 30, 2009, Metropolitan Council staff have agreed to fund 50/50 with the City any cost overruns that exceed the grant amount up to a maximum of \$500,000. The Metropolitan Council share would come from Regional Transit Capital (RTC) bond funds and the City share would come from its local transit budget.
- The total estimated project cost with 490 surface stalls included is now at \$8,839,676, which exceeds the new grant amount by \$405,890. This amount will be covered by the funds stated in bullet #2 above.
- The approximate cost of the additional 115 stalls is \$400,000, which as stated above will be covered by non-Federal sources. At the time of the grant submittal, the per stall cost was estimated at \$4,208 and with some economies of scale the per stall cost for 500 stalls is now estimated at \$3,956.
- The original application stated that the funds would be used to acquire land and construct 375 surface stalls, busway, future footings for a ramp, and an interim passenger shelter. All of these items are still being delivered.
- With the increase in parking stalls, the CO, NOx, and VOC net emission reductions improve from 187.3 kg/day to 246.2 kg/day.

The attached spreadsheet summarizes the scope change request from a budgetary perspective and illustrates how the scope change does not affect the Federal grant amount. Also attached is draft site plan and a project site location map.

The City of Maple Grove appreciates the TAC Funding and Programming Committee's consideration of this request for a grant scope change for the Silver Leaf Transit Station as it relates to a change from 375 to 490 parking stalls. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 763-494-6005.

Sincerely,

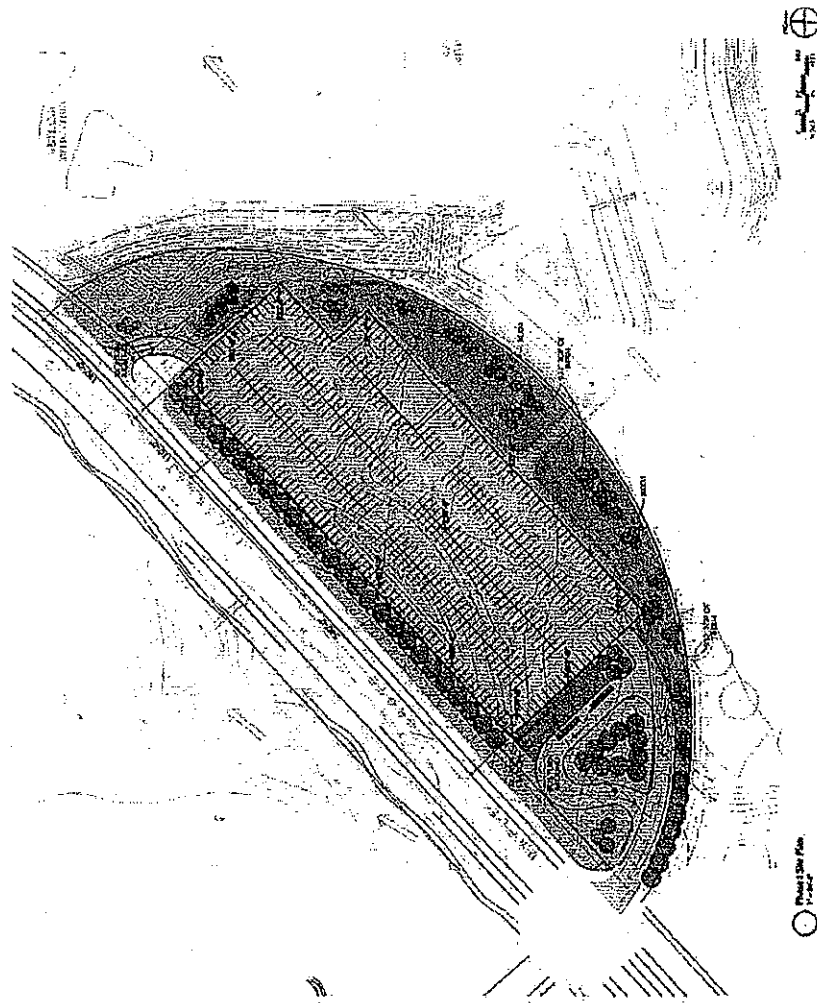


Michael Opatz
Transit Administrator

City of Maple Grove Silver Leaf Station Scope Amendment	375 Stalls Grant Scope	490 stalls Amended Grant Scope	Difference	Comments
Land	\$ 5,585,626	\$ 5,585,626	\$ -	
- Parking	\$ 1,577,917	\$ 1,977,917	\$ 400,000	Additional 115 stalls - not funded with CMAQ funds
- Station	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	
- Foundation for future deck	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	
- Busway	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ -	
- Sign Corrections	\$ 226,133	\$ 226,133	\$ -	
Construction Subtotal	\$ 2,854,050	\$ 3,254,050	\$ 400,000	
TOTAL COST	\$ 8,439,676	\$ 8,839,676	\$ 400,000	
Grant Amount	\$ 8,433,786	\$ 8,433,786	\$ -	Funding Source = 80% CMAQ and 20% RTC Bonds
Grant surplus / (shortage)	\$ (5,890)	\$ (405,890)	\$ (400,000)	Funding Source = 50% City Transit Funds and 50% RTC Bonds

Parking Cost Per Stall	\$ 4,208	\$ 4,037	\$ (171)
Vehicle Emissions Reduction	187.3 kg/day	246.2 kg/day	58.9

Proposed Site Plan 2009



Proposed Site Plan -2009

SILVER LEAF TRANSIT STATION
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Maple Grove Transit – Silver Leaf Station Site Map

