

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: January 11, 2010
Council Meeting: January 13, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: December 17, 2009
Subject: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment: Purchase 25 Vehicles (TRF-0036-10) and 2010 Rural Transit Operating Assistance (TRF-0031-10) (TAB Action 2009-53)
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action
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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include: TRF-0036-10: Purchase 22 Class 400 and Class 500 vehicles (ARRA); and TRF-0031-10: Metropolitan Council rural transit operating assistance for 2010.

Background

The Metropolitan Council applied to MnDOT and received \$1,028,600 in rural transit operating funds (FTA 5311) which can be used in the non-urban portion of the region. The Council also applied for and received a \$1,600,000 FTA ARRA grant to purchase 22 dial-a-ride replacement vehicles. These operating funds and buses will be used for the Transit Link dial-a-ride service in the nonurbanized portions of the seven-county metro area.

The Council will take action at its January 13, 2010 meeting to accept these operating funds (2009-452) and these capital funds (2009-453).

Rationale

In order to spend these federal funds, the projects must appear in the current Transportation Improvement Program. Same week action is requested to ensure federal ARRA funding deadlines.

Funding

ARRA funds do not require a local match. The operating funds will be supplemented with local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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December 18, 2009

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Peter Bell, Chair
Metropolitan Council
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Mr. Bell,

On December 16, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include two projects funded through the Section 5311 Program:

- TRF-0031-10: Metropolitan Council rural transit operating assistance for 2010.
- TRF-0036-10: Purchase 22 Class 400 and Class 500 vehicles (ARRA).

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information contained in TAB action transmittal 2009-53.

Sincerely,

for 
Bill Hargis, Acting Chair

Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2009-53

DATE: December 18, 2009
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment.

MOTION: The Transportation Advisory Board amended the 2010-2013 TIP to include:

- TRF-0036-10: Purchase 22 Class 400 and Class 500 vehicles (ARRA); and
- TRF-0031-10: Metropolitan Council rural transit operating assistance for 2010.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: These federal funds come from the Section 5311 program, operating funds for rural transit assistance. Both projects were recently awarded and must be amended into the TIP and STIP.

The Met Council was determined to be a sub-recipient of MNDOT. The final determination of the Operating and ARRA project scope was completed on November 2. The ARRA project scope is directly dependent on the Operating Project Scope. The Operating Project Scope is determined through the Public Transit Application process, which is completed annually in early November. TIP and STIP amendments are processed at that time.

Additional information is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	November 19, 2009
Technical Advisory Committee Executive Committee	Review & Recommend	December 2, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	December 10, 2009
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	December 16, 2009
Metropolitan Council	Concur	



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November 19, 2009

Karl Keel, Chair
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number: TRF-0036-10 – Metropolitan Council Rural Transit Capital (ARRA)
 TRF-0031-10 – Metropolitan Council Rural Transit Operating (2010)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010– 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects in 2010. These projects are 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
2010	M	M	BB	TRF-0036-10	MnDOT	Section 5311 : Purchase 22 Class 400 and 500 transit vehicles (ARRA funds)	0.0
2010	M	M	BB	TRF-0031-10	MnDOT	Section 5311: Operating Assistance (2010)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
OB	Bus Grant Capital Improvement	ARRA (FTA)	\$1,600,000	0	0	0	\$1,600,000	0	0
OB	Operate Bus	FTA	\$6,697,000	0	0	0	\$1,028,600	0	\$5,668,400

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 amendment is needed to identify 2 separate sources of FTA Section 5311 Non-urbanized area formula funds granted to the Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan Council has areas of the region that are still considered rural. Therefore, based on the criteria for the funding program they qualify for a portion of FTA Section 5311 funds.

FTA Section 5311 Non-urbanized area formula funds are distributed annually and the Met Council has been granted the CY2010 portion. Also, they are granted 2009 ARRA Rural Transit (Section 5311) Capital programs funding. Both categories of funds are from FTA and distributed by the MnDOT Office of Transit.

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** X

** ARRA Section 5311 Rural Transit Capital funds and 2010 Section 5311 Rural Transit Operating funds

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

* T-10 – Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet.

T-1 – Operating assistance to transit agencies

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009.

Karl Keel
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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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Metro District

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Sarah Lenz, MnDOT Office of Transit
Cynthia Krumsieg, MnDOT Program Management