

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: March 22, 2010
Council meeting: April 14, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 18, 2010
Subject:	2010-2013 TIP Amendment to include Central Corridor LRT PE/FD Activities
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, Director MTS 651-602-1754 Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director Finance & Planning 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 amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include State Project Number CCLRT-03, Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project Preliminary Engineering and Final Design.

Background

Additional federal funds have been allocated to Central Corridor LRT for preliminary engineering and final design.

Rationale

In order to use federal transportation funds, the project must be in the current TIP.

Funding

As noted above.

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition was presented at the TAC or TAB meetings.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Bill Hargis
Acting Chair

March 18, 2010

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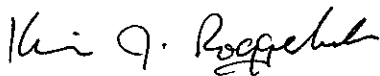
Peter Bell, Chair
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
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Mr. Bell,

On March 17, 2010, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP# CCLRT-03: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Preliminary Engineering.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2010-17.

Sincerely,



for Bill Hargis, Acting Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2010-17

DATE: March 18, 2010
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment for Metropolitan Council CCLRT-03: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Preliminary Engineering and Final Design.

MOTION: The TAB amended the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#CCLRT-03: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Preliminary Engineering and Final Design.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This TIP Amendment is being requested because the Metropolitan Council has been awarded new funds to support the Preliminary Engineering and Final Design of the Central Corridor LRT project. This is consistent with the regional plan, meets the air quality requirements, and has new funding from the 2010 Appropriations Bill-Capital Investment Grant.

Additional information is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 18, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	March 3, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 11, 2010
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	March 17, 2010
Metropolitan Council	Review & Concur	



February 23, 2010

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 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number: CCLRT-03 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2010. 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
2010	M	M	BB	CCLRT-03	Met Transit	SECT :Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project (2010 Appropriations Bill-Capital Investment Grant)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
B3	PE/FD Activity	FTA	2,500,000	0	0	0	2,000,000	0	500,000 (State, CTIB, HCRRA, RCRRRA)

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

- 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).

A service of the Metropolitan Council

With the approval of the 2010 Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill, 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 Start 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**

These funds were earmarked in the 2010 Federal Transportation Appropriation Bill Earmark Projects enacted on December 16, 2009 (H.R. 3288).

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)

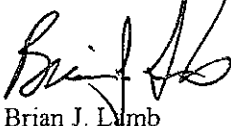
* Exemption Code #O-2 Engineering to assess social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternative to that action.

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.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Gustafson, Grants Manager at 612-349-7603.

Sincerely,



Brian J. Lamb
General Manager
Metro Transit

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management
Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Management