

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 State Project
62-649-27 Rice St/TH36 Interchange Reconstruction
District(s), Member(s): District 13 – Aguilar, District 11- Hilker
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 State Project Number 62-649-27, Rice St./TH 36 Interchange Reconstruction.

Background

This project was selected to receive \$7.28M of STP-UG funds in the 2009 TAB solicitation for SFY 2014. However, the County has expressed its ability to advance this project into the SFY 2010 timeframe. Due to this ability, the project was identified as a project which could take advantage of SFY 2010 STP federal fund savings. These funds were made available when projects having 2010 STP funds were selected to be funded instead with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. The funds previously identified for this project in SFY 2014 will now be directed toward an additional project in the 2009 TAB Solicitation. MnDOT had also committed \$5M to this project. These funds will also be substituted with 2010 STP federal funds saved due to ARRA and instead will be made available to projects in 2013.

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# 62-649-27: Rice Street/TH 36 Interchange Reconstruction in Ramsey County.

The TAB awarded Federal Surface Transportation Program funds to Ramsey County for this project through the 2009 regional solicitation on February 17, 2010. This amendment is necessary in order for the County to seek authorization of the federal funds in FY 2010.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2010-16.

Sincerely,



for Bill Hargis, Acting Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2010-16

DATE: March 18, 2010
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment for Ramsey County SP#62-649-27 Rice St./TH 36 Interchange Reconstruction.

MOTION: The TAB amended the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Ramsey County SP#62-649-27 Rice St./TH 36 Interchange Reconstruction.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: On February 17, 2010, the TAB awarded \$7,000,000 in STP funds to Ramsey County for this project through the 2009 regional solicitation. Projects awarded funding through the 2009 regional solicitation will be programmed in either FY 2013 or 2014. The County wishes to advance this project to FY 2010. MN/DOT State Aid agrees that the project could be authorized in FY 2010. Because the project could be advanced to 2010, it was chosen to be part of the fund management strategy to use most of the \$19.5 million in STP surplus created when savings from the local ARRA program were shifted to replace FY 2010 STP funds already programmed on local ARRA projects. Advancing this project to 2010 also allows the TAB to add \$12.28 million in STP funds to its 2009 region solicitation funding pool.

Additional information about the project 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	



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February 18, 2010

Karl Keel, Chair
 Transportation Advisory Committee – Funding and Programming
 Metropolitan Council
 390 North Robert St.
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number: 62-649-27 Rice St./TH 36 Interchange Reconstruction

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010– 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in SFY 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	CSAH 49	62-649-27	Ramsey Co.	Reconstruct CSAH 49 from Transit Ave. to Burke Ave. W. and TH 36 Interchange; replace BR 5427 with BR 62631, and construct new BRs 62632 and 62633	

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target (STP)	ARRA II (Jobs for Mainstreet) \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
MC	Grade, Surface, Bridge	STP, State & Local	\$21,000,000	12,280,000 (Savings from ARRA)	0	0	5,000,000 (\$5M Chapter 152 Bonds for Interchange)	3,720,000 (2,930,000 County Funds) Roseville – 373,000 Little Canada – 310,000 Maplewood- 107,000

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 add the TH 36/Rice St. reconstruction project to the current TIP in SFY 2010. The project supports recent and ongoing economic development in the area and has developed strong support from the public, area businesses and participating communities. The project will reduce congestion and correct safety issues, including replacement of a deficient bridge.

Recently, this project was selected to receive \$7M of STP-UG funds in the 2009 TAB Solicitation for SFY 2014. However, the County has expressed its ability to advance this project into the SFY 2010 timeframe. Due to this ability, the project was recently identified, by the region, to take advantage of SFY 2010 STP federal fund savings. These funds were made available when projects having 2010 STP funds were selected to be funded instead with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. The funds identified for this project in SFY 2014 will now be directed toward an additional project in the 2009 TAB Solicitation.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money* _____
 - Anticipated Advance Construction _____
 - ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____
 - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint _____
 - Other** X

**The ARRA program provided the region with approximately \$78M dollars to fund local projects. Some of the projects selected included federal STP-UG funds (\$19.5M) that would no longer be needed due to being funded with the ARRA funds. In order to use these 2010 STP-UG funds in this fiscal year, several projects were selected by the TAB to utilize the savings. This project will use \$12.28M of STP-UG savings. This number includes the \$7M that was originally given the project in SFY 2014 plus 4% inflation (\$280,000) that would have been received if the project remained in that later year. It also includes an additional \$5M that the region agreed to apply to the project in an effort to spend the SFY 2010 savings. Along with this, \$5M of Chapter 152 Trunk Highway Bonds available through the Metro Interchange Solicitation Program conducted in the fall of 2009 will be utilized and a combination of Ramsey County(\$2.93M) and Local funds (Roseville-\$373,000, Little Canada - \$310,000, Maplewood - \$107,000).

3. 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 #E-3-Interchange reconfiguration projects per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

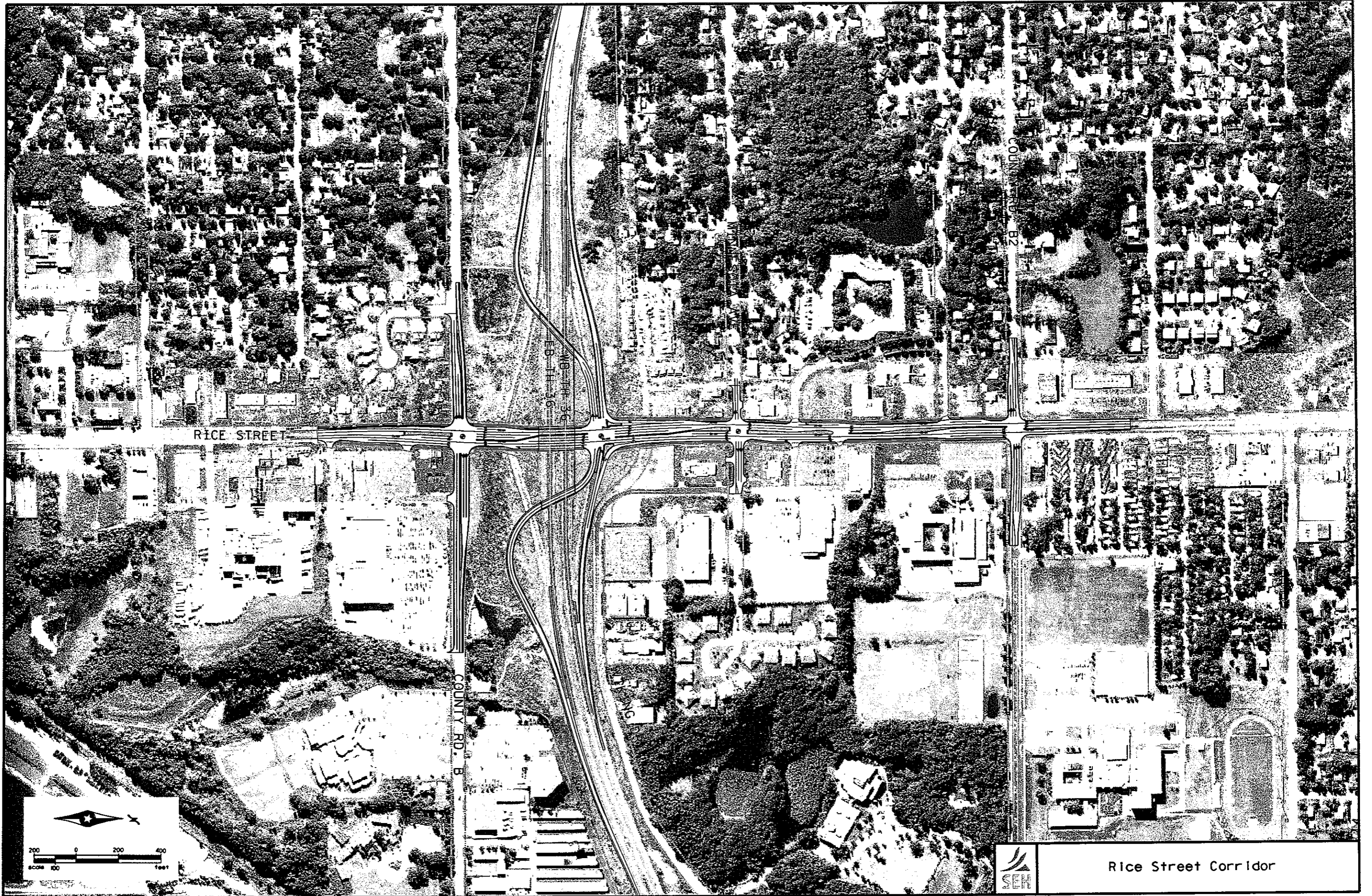
This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-234-7761.

Sincerely,

Greg Coughlin
Metro District State Aid Engineer

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management
Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Management
Colleen VanWagner, Metro State Aid



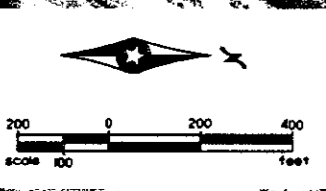
RICE STREET

MB-TH-36
EB-TH-36

MAIN ST. AVE.

COUNTY RD. B2

COUNTY RD. B



Rice Street Corridor