

**T** Transportation Committee  
Meeting date: May 24, 2010  
Council meeting: June 9, 2010

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date: May 20, 2010  
Subject: 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: Include Ramsey County SP#91-595-24, Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility (TAB Action 2010-37)  
District(s), Member(s): District 13 – Aguilar  
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action  
Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS 651-602-1754)  
Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning, MTS (651-602-1058)  
Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)  
Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

**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 Ramsey County project SP#91-595-24, Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility.

**Background**

Ramsey County applied for and received \$35M of Federal TIGER Funds for Union Depot. In order to meet the TIGER Schedule, this project needs to go to the Council for same week action.

**Rationale**

In order to spend Federal Transportation Funds, the project must be in the current TIP.

**Funding**

New Federal TIGER Funds

**Known Support / Opposition**

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

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Mr. Bell,

On May 19, 2010, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP# 91-595-24; Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility.

Municipal Officials

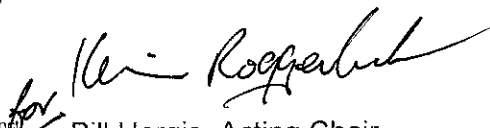
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This project received \$35,000,000 in federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funds for construction of the Union Depot train deck, including its tracks, drives and platforms.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2010-37.

Russ Stark  
St. Paul City Council  
William Hargis  
Mayor of Woodbury

Sincerely,



Bill Hargis, Acting Chair  
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**Transportation Advisory Board**  
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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2010-37

**DATE:** May 20, 2010  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2010-2013 TIP Amendment to include SP# 91-595-24: Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility.

**MOTION:** The TAB amended the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#91-595-24: Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This project received \$35,000,000 in federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funds for construction of the Union Depot train deck, including its tracks, drives and platforms. The grant is available through the Federal Transit Administration and will be administered by the Metropolitan Council.

Additional background material is attached.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 22, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	May 5, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 19, 2010
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	May 19, 2010
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

April 21, 2010

Karl Keel, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
 390 N. Robert St.  
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number: 91-595-24 Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility

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	Metro	BB	91-595-24	Ramsey County	Sect: 1301 – Union Depot Multimodal Transit Hub, St. Paul -Construction (TIGER Funds)	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
MC	Transit	FFM	\$35,000,000	0	0	0	0	35,000,000	0	0

**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).

Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority (RCRRA) applied for \$135.7 million in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funds in September 2010 and was awarded a \$35 million grant on February 18, 2010. The funds will be applied for construction of the Union Depot train deck, including its tracks, drives and platforms. The grant is available through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will be administered by Metropolitan Council. FTA staff has requested that RCRRA submit a project application to receive the funds by May 7, 2010. Environmental work for the project is nearing completion and it is expected that FTA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will sign off on the Environmental Assessment in the next week, clearing the way for construction to begin later this summer.

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\*\*

**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-6 Bus Terminals and transfer points per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

Karl Keel  
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**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 Tim Mayasich at 651-266-2762.

Sincerely,

Tim Mayasich  
Director  
Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority

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