



Community Development Committee

Business Item

Item: 2008-154

Meeting date: June 16, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	June 10, 2008
Subject:	2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2008 Capital Program and MS 473.315
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Alan Morris, Principal Financial Analyst (651-602-1446) Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst—Parks (651-602-1360)
Division/Department:	Community Development/Regional Systems Planning and Growth Strategy, Parks

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding \$3,700,000 in new spending authority for Parks and Open Space
- Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation by adding \$2,200,000 in new appropriations for Parks and Open Space.
- Approve new projects and transfers between capital projects as detailed in Attachment 1

Background

The capital program and budget amendment approved by the Council in May included a number of changes to the adopted Parks and Open Space capital program, including the addition of three capital projects funded with state bonds that the Council will pass-through to local agencies and seven land acquisition opportunity or state acquisition grants approved by the Council in separate actions since the park capital program was adopted in December, 2007.

Since that action, two additional state pass-through grants have been approved by the Legislature and three additional land acquisition opportunity/state acquisition grants are pending approval by the Council.

State Pass-Through Grants

The proposed amendment includes:

1. Laws of MN 2008, Chapter 363, Section 6 appropriates \$200,000 in 2009 for a grant to the City of St. Paul. This appropriation is in addition to and for the same purposes as the [\$9 million] for a grant to the City of St. Paul for Como Zoo in Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 17, subdivision 8. This is a one time appropriation and is available until expended.
2. The 2008 supplemental bonding bill (Laws of MN 2008, Chap. 365, section 4, subdivision 3) includes a \$2 million pass through grant for a grant to the City of Bloomington for removal and replacement of the old Cedar Avenue bridge for bicycle commuters and recreational users. This appropriation is added to the [\$300,000] appropriation in Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 17, subdivision 8.

Land Acquisition Opportunity Grants / State Acquisition Grants

The proposed amendment:

1. Includes a grant to Scott County that consumes the unobligated balance of the State Acquisition Grant Account and also includes funds from the Land Acquisition Opportunity Account. This grant was recommended for approval by the MPOSC on June 3 and will be presented to the Council on June 25.
2. Adds \$1.5 million to the State Acquisition Grant Account from an appropriation in Laws of MN 2008, chapter 367, Section 1, Subdivision 3(i) which appropriates \$1.5 million for the State Acquisition Grant Account. The appropriation must be matched with \$1 million of Council bonds.
3. Transfers \$1 million from the Land Acquisition Opportunity Account to the State Acquisition Grant Account as required by the law just cited.

As part of the Parks Capital Program and Budget, the Council has established two accounts to provide acquisition opportunity grants to park implementing agencies. The accounts are funded with state and regional funds and were established so that grants can be made in a timely manner.

The Parks program is requesting that their amendments be included in this Council action so that grants can be executed with park implementing agencies.

Rationale

The proposed amendment also implements the 2008 State bonding bill line item appropriations for pass-through grants described above and provides additional state funding for the state acquisition grant account.

Funding/Fiscal Impact

The regional bond issuance and resulting debt service payments and property tax levies are consistent with the Council's goal to keep the property tax impact of Council programs on existing taxpayers level from year to year.

Known Support / Opposition

The regional park implementing agencies which receive these subgrants support this amendment. The local governments that receive the State bond pass-through grants support this amendment. There is no known opposition to this proposal.

Agency	Park/Trail	Description	CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED				PROPOSED CHANGES				AMENDED				2008 Capital Budget	Multi-Year Authorization		
			State	Other	Regional	Total	State	Other	Regional	Total	State	Other	Regional	Total				
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE																Original Adopted	\$ 31,721,042	\$ 66,216,648
													After Prior Amendments	\$ 41,466,042	\$ 89,415,946			
													After This Amendment	\$ 43,666,042	\$ 93,115,946			
State Passthrough Grants (Non-CIP)																		
South St Paul	Dakota Co. North Urban Trail	Span arch bridge	\$ 1,400,000			\$ 1,400,000			\$ -	\$ 1,400,000			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ -	
MPRB	Minnehaha RP	Stabilized shoreline, storm water retention	\$ 2,900,000			\$ 2,900,000			\$ -	\$ 2,900,000			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,900,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Ramsey County	Tamarack Nature Center	Play area development	\$ 745,000			\$ 745,000			\$ -	\$ 745,000			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 745,000	\$ -	\$ -	
St Paul	Como Zoo	Polar bear exhibit rehabilitation				\$ -	\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	
Bloomington	Old Cedar Avenue Bridge	Bridge replace--commuter bike & recreation				\$ -	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	
Subtotal			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,200,000	
Land Acquisition Opportunity Grant Account																		
St Paul	Bruce Vento RT	Regional opportunity grant			\$ 572,469	\$ 572,469			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 572,469		\$ 572,469	\$ -	\$ -		
St Paul	Harriet Island RP	Regional opportunity grant			\$ 122,756	\$ 122,756		\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ -		\$ 122,726		\$ 122,726	\$ (30)	\$ (30)		
Ramsey Co.	Battle Creek RP	Regional opportunity grant			\$ 116,609	\$ 116,609			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 116,609		\$ 116,609	\$ -	\$ -		
Bloomington	Hyland-Bush-Anderson PR	Regional opportunity grant			\$ 339,389	\$ 339,389			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 339,389		\$ 339,389	\$ -	\$ -		
Scott County	Doyle-Kennefick RP	Regional opportunity grant			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 564,463	\$ 564,463	\$ -		\$ 564,463		\$ 564,463	\$ -	\$ 564,463		
TRPD	Baker PR	Regional opportunity grant			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 352,050	\$ 352,050	\$ -		\$ 352,050		\$ 352,050	\$ -	\$ 352,050		
Land Acquisition Opportunity Account					\$ 3,230,937	\$ 3,230,937		\$ (1,916,483)	\$ (1,916,483)	\$ -		\$ 1,314,454		\$ 1,314,454	\$ 30	\$ (1,916,483)		
Subtotal			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,382,160	\$ 4,382,160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,382,160	\$ 3,382,160	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000)		
State Acquisition Grant Account																		
Washington Co.	Grey Cloud Island RP	State opportunity grant	\$ 109,256		\$ 72,838	\$ 182,094			\$ -	\$ 109,256		\$ 72,838		\$ 182,094	\$ -	\$ -		
Dakota Co.	Empire Wetlands RP	State opportunity grant	\$ 1,020,000		\$ 680,000	\$ 1,700,000			\$ -	\$ 1,020,000		\$ 680,000		\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	\$ -		
Carver Co.	Lake Waconia RP	State opportunity grant	\$ 600,000		\$ 400,000	\$ 1,000,000			\$ -	\$ 600,000		\$ 400,000		\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -		
Scott County	Doyle-Kennefick RP	State opportunity grant			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,744	\$ 113,162	\$ 283,906	\$ 170,744		\$ 113,162		\$ 283,906	\$ -	\$ 283,906		
State Acquisition Grant Account			\$ 170,344		\$ 113,562	\$ 283,906	\$ 1,329,656	\$ 886,438	\$ 2,216,094	\$ 1,500,000		\$ 1,000,000		\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,216,094		
Subtotal			\$ 1,899,600	\$ -	\$ 1,266,400	\$ 3,166,000	\$ 1,500,400	\$ -	\$ 999,600	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 3,400,000	\$ -	\$ 2,266,000	\$ 5,666,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000		
TOTAL			\$ 1,899,600	\$ -	\$ 5,648,560	\$ 7,548,160	\$ 3,700,400	\$ -	\$ (400)	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 5,600,000	\$ -	\$ 5,648,160	\$ 11,248,160	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 3,700,000		

Abbreviations
 Co. = County
 MPRB = Minneapolist Park and Recreation Board
 TRPD = Three Rivers Park District
 RP = Regional Park
 RT = Regional Trail
 PR = Park Reserve