

T Transportation Committee

Executive Summary

Item: 2007-348

Consent

Meeting date: October 22, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting November 14, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 17, 2007
Subject:	2007-2010 TIP Amendment and 2008-2011 TIP Amendment, Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Program funding. (TAB Action 2007-57)
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council concur with Transportation Advisory Board action to amend the 2007-2010 TIP and the Draft 2008-2011 TIP to include JARC program projects and New Freedoms Program projects as described in the background material attached to the agenda item

Issue(s)

This TIP amendment is needed to make these new funds available for the selected participants. Specific project data must be included in the TIP.

The 2007-2010 TIP and the 2008-2011 TIP will be amended by listing specific projects instead of the place holder projects so fiscal balance is maintained. The projects are exempt from project and regional level air quality conformity analysis, and the projects are consistent with the 2005 Regional Transportation Policy Plan.

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2007-57

DATE: October 1, 2007
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: TAC Executive Committee
SUBJECT: 2007-2010 TIP amendment for JARC and New Freedom program funding

MOTION: That the Transportation advisory Board Amends the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program projects and New Freedoms program (for elderly and disabled persons beyond ADA requirements) projects as described in the attached background material.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The TIP amendment is needed because under these programs pre-award authority is automatically granted at the end of the competitive solicitation process. Project sponsors will begin expending funds after October 1 under their own risk with future FTA reimbursement dependent on the grant approval. The Metropolitan Council would like to apply for these grants and begin reimbursing local agencies as soon as possible to limit this risk. Allowing this amendment to start in the Executive Committee will expedite the process.

Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Executive Committee	Review & Recommend	October 3, 2007
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	October 3, 2007
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	October 11, 2007
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt/Approve	October 17, 2007
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

September 28, 2007

Allen Lovejoy, Chair
 Technical Advisory Committee
 Metropolitan Council
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Re: Amendments to the Twin Cities Current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Lovejoy:

Please amend the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects in 2008. We ask that these projects be amended into the TIP starting with the TAC Executive Committee. This is necessary because under these programs, pre-award authority is automatically granted at the end of the competitive solicitation process. Project sponsors will begin expending funds after October 1 under their own risk with future FTA reimbursement dependent on the grant approval. The Metropolitan Council would like to apply for these grants and begin reimbursing local agencies as soon as possible to limit this risk. Allowing this amendment to start in the Executive Committee will greatly expedite the process, saving approximately one month.

The Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program provides funding for transit programs that help give low-income persons access to jobs. The New Freedoms program provides funding for elderly and disabled persons beyond ADA requirements.

The projects are submitted with the following information under two grants programs, Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:
 JARC (Section 5316)**

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	Anoka County	AnokAccess Transportation Program	NA
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	City of Maple Grove	Reverse Commute Route 720	NA
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	Emerge Inc.	Jobs Transportation Program – Vanpool Service	NA
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	SouthWest Transit	Reverse Commute Routes serving Minneapolis, Eden Prairie, Edina, Richfield	NA
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	Metro Transit	Reverse Commute Routes 14, 219, 540, 612, 721 and other routes serving these areas as identified	NA

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$

TR	TRANSIT	JA	160,000	0	0	80,000	0	80,000
TR	TRANSIT	JA	312,522	0	0	156,261	0	156,261
TR	VAN PROGRAM	JA	392,762	0	0	196,381	0	196,381
TR	TRANSIT	JA	577,240	0	0	297,620	0	279,620
TR	TRANSIT	JA	1,472,062	0	0	736,031	0	736,031

New Freedom (Section 5317)

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILE S
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	Metropolitan Council	Advanced Trapeze Scheduling System and Additional Scheduling Improvements	NA
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	United Way	2-1-1 Call Center Service Expansion	NA
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	City of Saint Paul	Accessible Pedestrian Signal Installation	NA
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	City of Minneapolis	Accessible Pedestrian Signal Demonstration Project	NA
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	Human Services Inc.	HSI Transporter Dial-A-Ride Expansion	NA
2008	M	M	BB	NEW	Scott and Carver Counties	Scott and Carver Counties Dial-A-Ride Merger	NA

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
TR	TRANSIT	NF	418,764	0	0	335,011	0	83,753
TR	CALL CENTER	NF	355,300	0	0	187,000	0	168,300
TR	PEDESTRIAN ACCESS	NF	120,000	0	0	100,000	0	20,000
TR	PEDESTRIAN ACCESS	NF	156,250	0	0	125,000	0	31,250
TR	TRANSIT	NF	86,690	0	0	43,345	0	43,345
TR	TRANSIT	NF	369,704	0	0	237,952	0	131,752

PROJECT BACKGROUND (INCLUDE REASON WHY AMENDMENT IS BEING REQUESTED):

The 2007-2010 TIP identifies these funds as estimated set aside amounts. This amendment identifies specific projects under existing grants TRF-TCMT-07EE and TRF-TCMT-07T for JARC (Table A-16, Transit Sections 5316) and TRF-TCMT-07FF and TRF-TCMT-07GG for New Freedom (Table A-17, Transit Sections 5317). The funds are currently represented in the TIP as one figure awaiting specific project designation. The list of projects were selected using a competitive solicitation process for both JARC and New Freedom. The amounts in the existing TIP have changed according to actual Federal Fiscal Year allocations from the FTA.

MAINTENANCE OF FISCAL CONSTRAINT (CHECK ONE):

- N New Money
- N Anticipated Advance Construction
- N ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment

The projects listed in the requested amendment will replace the four TIP entries TRF-TCMT-07EE and TRF-TCMT-07T for JARC (Table A-16, Transit Sections 5316) and TRF-TCMT-07FF and TRF-TCMT-07GG for New Freedom (Table A-17, Transit Sections 5317).

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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| N | N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area) | |
| N | Subject to conformity determination (attach documentation) | |
| N | Exempt from regional level analysis | <u>X</u> |
| N | Exempt from project level analysis | <u>X</u> |
| N | Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation | |

*Project Exempt Category: T-1, T-4, T-6.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on December 14, 2005, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

Cole Hiniker
Metro Transit/Metropolitan Council

cc:

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Donn R. Wiski
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October 18, 2007

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Peter Bell, Chair
Metropolitan Council
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Mr. Bell:

On October 17, 2007 the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) voted to amend the current 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the draft 2008-2011 TIP to include five projects to be funded under the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute program and six projects to be funded under the New Freedom program.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2007-57.

Sincerely,

Donn Wiski, Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

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