

# M Management Committee

**Meeting date: January 23, 2008**

**Transportation Committee: January 14, 2008**

**For Metropolitan Council meeting: January 23, 2008**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	January 10, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	2008 Capital Program and Budget
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Transportation

## Proposed Action

That the Council:

- Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding authority as follows:  
Metro Transit                      \$ 44,350,123
- Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing spending authority as follows:  
Metro Transit                      \$ 15,900,000

## Background

The attached business item was presented to the Transportation Committee at its meeting on January 14, 2008. The Transportation Committee approved the proposed amendment unanimously. The business item is coming same week from the Management Committee to the Council because of the need to move the Northstar coach contract forward. The proposed action increases the 2008 Authorized Capital Program and 2008 Capital Budget to provide spending authority for two Metro Transit capital projects.

1. **Northstar Passenger Car Purchase.** The proposed amendment provides authority to spend funds on the purchase of passenger cars for the Northstar Commuter Rail Project and recognizes federal and local funding that will finance the purchase.
2. **Urban Partnership Agreement Park and Ride Lots.** The proposed amendment provides additional authority to spend funds on park and ride lots included in the UPA project. Federal funding will provide 80 percent of the funding for the additional spending and the regional match will be provided by transferring unexpended regional bonding authority from another capital project.

## Rationale

The Metropolitan Council, as the procuring agency, intends to use the Best Value procurement method available to Minnesota State Agencies, including Mn/DOT, to procure the commuter coaches. The parties to the Joint Powers Agreement wish to select the proposal for the commuter coaches procurement that presents the best

value. Because the Council will procure the commuter coaches, the Authorized Capital Program needs to be amended to provide spending authority for the coaches.

## **Funding and Fiscal Impact**

Funding for the Northstar commuter coaches will be available through the Northstar Project Federal Full Funding Grant Agreement executed on December 11, 2007 and from NCDA local funding. Approval of the Northstar coach contract will require an internal cash loan as explained in Business Item 2008-31, also on this agenda.

Funding for the park and ride spaces at the North I-35W structured park-and-ride facility is available from the Urban Partnership Grant Agreement. Local match for the UPA project will come from the transfer of regional bonding authority from another capital project. Due to constraints on regional matching funds, only a portion of the authority related to the park and ride project is being requested at this time.

This proposed amendment includes no new regional bonding authorization and therefore remains consistent with the Council goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

Support for the Northstar Commuter Rail Project comes through funding commitments from the Federal Transportation Administration, the State of Minnesota and NCDA funding partners.

Support for the park and ride project comes through funding commitments from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the UPA Grant Agreements.

## **Attachments**

Business Item 2008-015 presented to Transportation Committee on January 14, 2008