

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 25, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: February 10, 2009

Subject: 2009-2012 TIP Amendment: MnDOT, Include SP#TRF-0018-09, Continue Promotion Activities for Van-Go Program (TAB Action 2009-02)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program to fund the Van-Go van pool program.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Carl Ohrn, MTS Planning Analyst, presented this item to the committee; there were no further questions or comments from committee members. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Hilker, and passed unanimously. Hearing no objections, Chair Meeks stated that this item could move to the full Council as a consent item.

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-39

Meeting date: February 9, 2009

Council meeting February 25, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	January 30, 2009
Subject:	2009-2012 TIP Amendment: MnDOT, Include SP#TRF-0018-09, Continue Promotion Activities for Van-Go Program (TAB Action 2009-02)
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Director Finance & Planning(651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program to fund the Van-Go van pool program.

Background

To spend federal transportation funds, the projects must be in the current TIP.

Rationale

The allocation of these funds occurred after the 2009-2012 TIP was prepared.

The use of the JARC funds is changing from Greater Minnesota to the Council's Van-Go vanpool program for vanpools that operate, in part, outside the seven county Metro area.

Funding

The amendment adds funding.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Donn R. Wiski
Chair

January 27, 2009

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Peter Bell, Chair
Metropolitan Council
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Mr. Bell,

On January 21, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP# TRF-0018-09, Section 5316 Bus Capital Grant. This funding has been re-allocated from Section 5316 JARC funds identified for Greater Minnesota.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-02.

Sincerely,

Donn Wiski

Donn Wiski, Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2009-02

DATE: January 27, 2009
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: 2009-2012 TIP amendment for JARC program funding

MOTION: The Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program to continue ridesharing and van pooling promotion activities at current levels.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The TIP amendment is needed because the project was funded in the 2009 selection process for 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute funds identified for Greater Minnesota. The funds will be used to further fund the Van-Go van pool program. The amendment is needed to identify the project in the 2009-2012 TIP.

Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	December 18, 2008
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	January 4, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	January 21, 2009
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	January 21, 2009
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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December 18, 2008

Tom Johnson, Chair
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number: TRF-0018-09

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please amend the 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2009. 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
2009	M	M	BB	TRF-0018-09	Met Council	Sect 5316: Reverse Commute Routes	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	FTA	TH \$	OTHER \$
JA	Bus Grant Capital Imp.	FTA	248,976	0	0	0	0	124,488	0	124,488

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 project was funded in the 2009 selection process for 5316 JARC funds identified for Greater Minnesota. The funds will be used to further fund the Van-Go van pool program. The amendment is needed to identify the project in the 2009-2012 TIP.

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**

*FTA 5316 JARC

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis* Yes
- Exempt from project level analysis** Yes
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation.....
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area).....

* Exemption Code- AQ-1 – Continuation of ridesharing and van pooling promotion activities at current levels

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on December 14, 2004, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 1, 2005.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-234-7793.

Sincerely,

Sherry Narusiewicz
Transportation Program Coordinator
Metro Program Management

cc: Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management
Chuck Morris, MnDOT Office of Transit