



ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 19, 2009
Subject:	2009-2012 TIP Amendment to Allocate American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to Five Regional Projects, TAB Action 2009-28
District(s), Member(s):	All
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 MTS (651-602-1719)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action 2009-28 to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include five projects (I-35E/CSAH 14 Interchange, Reconstruct White Bear Avenue, CSAH 21 Surfacing, TH7 & Wooddale Interchange and Travel Behavior Inventory) that may be funded using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.

Background

These projects totaling \$56,885,000 will be funded with a combination of State and Regional ARRA funds in addition to other federal and local funds.

Project	Project Cost	State ARRA	Region ARRA	Other
Reconstruct I-35E & CSAH 14 Interchange	\$15,000,000	\$2,412,500	\$2,412,500	\$10,175,000
Reconstruct White Bear Avenue	\$11,500,000	\$0	\$2,548,086	\$8,951,914
CSAH 21 Surfacing	\$13,985,000	\$0	\$7,324,000	\$6,661,000
Construct TH7 & Wooddale Interchange	\$12,300,000	\$2,507,500	\$957,500	\$8,835,000
Regional Travel Behavior Inventory	\$4,100,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$600,000
	\$56,885,000	\$6,670,000	\$14,992,086	\$35,222,914

This action will allow these projects to be under construction by early summer. This action also positions Minnesota well to compete for potential ARRA funds redistributed from other states ARRA funds should they become available. The projects are consistent with the guiding principles developed by both MnDOT and the Transportation Advisory Board and are consistent with the Metropolitan Council 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

Rationale

These projects are ready for letting.

Funding

The \$21,662,086 of ARRA funds includes \$6,670,000 of MnDOT ARRA funds and \$14,992,086 of TAB/Council Regional ARRA funds.

Known Support / Opposition

The TAB passed the amendment after significant discussion.

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2009-28

DATE: April 8, 2009
April 14, 2009 (**corrected copy that includes missing last page**)

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Placement of STIP projects requesting regional ARRA funding into tiers and amend the 2009-2012 TIP amendment to include all Tier I and Tier II projects under Option 1.

MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board approves the placement of projects into the tiers or screening priorities in the table below and amends the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program to include the five Tier I and Tier II projects within Option 1.

STIP Project	Option 1	Option 2
City of Rogers – I94/TH101 ramps	Tier III	Tier III
City of St. Louis Park – TH7/Wooddale interchange	Tier I	Tier II
Anoka County – I35E/CSAH14 interchange	Tier I	Tier II
City of Minneapolis – Camden Bridge redeck	Tier III	Tier III
Ramsey County – White Bear Ave reconstruction	Tier II	Tier II
Dakota County – CSAH 96 reconstruction	Tier III	Tier III
Scott County – CSAH 21 surfacing	Tier II	Tier II
City of Maple Grove – CSAH 10 reconstruction	Tier III	Tier III
Metropolitan Council –Travel Behavior Inventory.	Tier I	Tier III

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:

Tiered Projects.

The Technical Advisory Committees and the TAB have discussed how to prioritize local projects and allocate the \$73.2 million in regional ARRA funds. The TAC and TAB agree that projects already in the STIP should be a higher priority for ARRA funding than project proposals that are not in the STIP. At a special TAC Funding and Programming Committee meeting on March 26, the committee met with the sponsors of the eight STIP projects listed above. The project sponsors responded to questions about their project. Based on their responses, the committee voted to place the eight projects in one of three tiers. See attached table for current cost estimates and funding amounts.

The projects are in different tiers depending upon the funding option chosen by the region. Under Option 1, MN/DOT will contribute state ARRA funds toward the Anoka County, St. Louis Park and Rogers interchange projects. MN/DOT would also be asked to contribute state ARRA funds toward the Metropolitan Council's Travel Behavior Inventory. Under Option 2, MN/DOT would not contribute state ARRA funds to any locally recommended project.

Tier I: The project scope is unchanged from the original project programmed in the STIP in 2010 or later. The project cost may have increased due to design modifications required by reviewing agencies or through the inflation in the cost of materials. MN/DOT has committed state ARRA funds to these projects under Option 1 and the project sponsor has committed to the local match amount in the STP-UG application submitted in the regional solicitation. The TAC recommended including the Metropolitan Council's Travel Behavior Inventory in Tier I.

Tier II: The project scope is changed compared to the description and cost in the STIP and would require a scope change approval. The project cost may have increased due to design modifications required by reviewing agencies or through the inflation in the cost of materials. MN/DOT has not committed state ARRA funds to these projects, but the project sponsor has committed a local match amount adequate to match the programmed STP-UG funds.

Tier III: The project scope is substantially different from the original scope programmed in the STIP, and/or the sponsor cannot provide the local match amount they committed to in their STP-UG application. MN/DOT has not committed state ARRA funds to these projects. All projects that are not currently in the STIP and are seeking 100% regional ARRA funding are included in Tier III.

The TAB will use these preference categories to help define funding options for use of the regional ARRA funding. In addition to the criteria above, the TAB will also consider geographic equity, diversity of project type and support of regional plans and the regional system. Applicants were encouraged to commit local funding to their projects so the region can stretch the ARRA funds farther. Selection criteria to consider projects in Tier III may also favor those projects that have as much local funding identified as possible.

2009-2012 TIP amendment.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) discussed the tiered projects under the two option scenarios. The TAC concluded that the Tier I and Tier II projects would be chosen to receive ARRA funding under an Option 1 scenario where the I-494/TH169 interchange is not chosen to receive state and regional ARRA funds. The TAC voted to include the Metropolitan Council Travel Behavior Inventory as a Tier I project because of its value to the entire region and MN/DOT has expressed support for funding part of the cost with state ARRA funds. The TAC voted to recommend that the five Tier I and Tier II projects be amended into the TIP to expedite their implementation should the TAB vote to not fund the I-494/TH169 interchange project or if the FHWA does not allow the construction of a reduced scope design. Each project is listed separately in the attached information.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 26, 2009
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	April 1, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

April 8, 2009

Donn Wiski
Transportation Advisory Board
Metropolitan Council
390 North Robert St.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
State Project Number: 02-614-80, I-35E/CSAH 14 Interchange – Anoka County
62-665-44, Reconstruct White Bear Ave. – Ramsey County
70-621-28, CSAH 21 Surfacing - Scott County
163-283-20, Construct TH7 and Wooddale Interchange – St. Louis Park
Travel Behavior Inventory – Metropolitan Council

Dear Mr. Wiski:

Please amend the 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include five projects to be partially funded with State and Regional ARRA funds. These projects are being submitted with the following information (see attached tables).

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The TAC recommends that five projects be funded partially with State and Regional ARRA funds under TAB Option 1. Should the TAB choose to help fund the TH169/I-494 Interchange, this amendment should not be adopted.

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).

The amendment is needed to show the additional funds for four projects presently in the 2009-2012 TIP which were selected through the regional solicitation. The Travel Behavior Inventory is being recommended for partial ARRA funding due to its importance to the region. The TBI is not in the existing 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** ARRA funds

These projects would use \$5,120,000 of MnDOT and \$5,120,000 of Regional ARRA funds.

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AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: I-35E/CSAH 14 Interchange

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

* Exemption Code E-3 Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: Reconstruct White Bear Ave.

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

* Exemption Code E-1 Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: CSAH 21 Surfacing

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

* Exemption Code A-10 Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: TH 7 and Wooddale Interchanges

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

* Exemption Code E-3 Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI)

- 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 0-1 Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

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. The project is also consistent with the new Transportation Policy adopted by the Council on January 14, 2009 and submitted to FHWA/FTA for their review and acceptance on January 28, 2009.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Carl Ohrn at 651-602-1719.

Sincerely,

Steve Hay
Acting Chair
Technical Advisory Committee

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management
Marv Luncford, Metro Program Management

I-35E/CSAH 14 Interchange – Anoka County

STATE FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)
2010	02-614-80	Anoka County	Reconstruct interchange at I-35E and CSAH 14

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	TOTAL \$	Existing Fed \$	Local \$	Econ Rec - State \$	Econ Rec - Region \$	Air Quality Code
STP	RC	15,000,000	5,775,000	4,400,000	2,412,500	2,412,500	E3

Reconstruct White Bear Avenue – Ramsey County

STATE FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)
2009	62-665-44	Ramsey County	Reconstruct White Bear Ave and County Rd. D from Radatz to Co. Rd. D

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	TOTAL \$	Existing Fed \$	Local \$	Econ Rec - State \$	Econ Rec - Region \$	Air Quality Code
STP	RC	11,500,000	7,161,532	1,790,382		2,548,086	E1

Surfacing of CSAH 21 – Scott County

STATE FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)
2010	70-621-28	Scott County	Surfacing of new alignment on CSAH 21 from CSAH 42 to CSAH 18

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	TOTAL \$	Existing Fed \$	Local \$	Econ Rec - State \$	Econ Rec - Region \$	Air Quality Code
STP	MC	13,985,000	5,025,000	1,636,000		7,324,000	A10

Construct TH 7 and Wooddale Interchange – St. Louis Park

STATE FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)
2009	163-280-20AC	St. Louis Park	Construct a grade separated interchange, etc. at Wooddale Ave & TH7

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	TOTAL \$	Existing Fed \$	Local \$	Econ Rec - State \$	Econ Rec - Region \$	Air Quality Code
STP	MC	12,300,000	5,885,000	2,950,000	2,507,500	957,500	E3

Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) – Metropolitan Council

STATE FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)
2009		Metropolitan Council	Regional Travel Behavior Inventory

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	TOTAL \$	Existing Fed \$	Local \$	Econ Rec - State \$	Econ Rec - Region \$	Air Quality Code
	Study	4,100,000		600,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	0-1