

# T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 13, 2009

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date Prepared:** April 28, 2009

**Subject:** 2009-2012 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit New Starts funding Central Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering and Final Design (TAB Action 2009-27)

### 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 a total of \$25,000,000 for the Central Corridor LRT New Starts PE and Final Design.

### Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

There were no questions from committee members. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Leppik and passed.

# T Transportation Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2009-145

**Meeting date: April 27, 2009**

**Council meeting May 13, 2009**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| <b>Date:</b>                     | April 21, 2009  |
| <b>Subject:</b>                  | 2009-2012 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit New Starts funding<br>Central Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering and Final Design<br>(TAB Action 2009-27)              |
| <b>District(s), Member(s):</b>   | District 7, Meeks; District 8, Wittsack; District 13, Aguilar; District<br>14, Beach  |
| <b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>   | TAB Action  |
| <b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b> | Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754)<br>Amy Vennewitz, MTS Dep. Dir Finance & Planning (651-602-1058)<br>Carl Ohrn, MTS Planning Analyst (651-602-1719) |
| <b>Division/Department:</b>      | MTS   |

### 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 a total of \$25,000,000 for the Central Corridor LRT New Starts PE and Final Design.

### Background

New funds were made available in the 2009 federal budget for the Central Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering and Final Design.

### Rationale

In order to use these funds, they must be in the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

### Funding

These are new funds, so the fiscal balance of the TIP is maintained.

### Known Support / Opposition

There was no opposition to this amendment at the TAC or TAB meetings.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Donn R. Wiski  
Chair

April 22, 2009

County Commissioners

Dennis Berg  
Anoka County

Tom Workman  
Carver County

Paul Krause  
Dakota County

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Peter Bell, Chair  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street No.  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Mr. Bell,

On April 15, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a total of \$25.0 million for the Central Corridor LRT New Starts PE and Final Design.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-27.

Sincerely,

*Keri Roggenbule*  
*TAB Coordinator*

*for*

Bill Hargis, Acting Chair  
Transportation Advisory Board

Citizen Members - Precinct

Steven Schulte - A

Bill Guidera - B

James Meyers - C

Chuck Haik - D

Bart Ward - E

Donn Wiski - F

Jill Smith - G

Ken Johnson - H

Agency Representatives

Peggy Leppik  
Metropolitan Council

Scott McBride  
Minnesota DOT

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David Thornton  
M.P.C.A.

Modal Representatives

Richard Mussell  
Transit

Glenn Olson  
Transit

Ron Have  
Freight

David Gepner  
Non-motorized

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2009-27

**DATE:** April 22, 2009  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2009-2012 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit New Starts funding Central Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering and Final Design

**MOTION:** The Transportation Advisory Board amended the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a total of \$25,000,000 for the Central Corridor LRT New Starts PE and Final Design.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:**

With the approval of the 2009 Federal Budget, the council has been awarded new funds to support the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Final Design (FD) of the Central Corridor Light Rail Project that is currently in PE and in application for FD leading to the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) as described in FTA New Starts Process.

Additional background material is attached.

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**ROUTING**

| <b>TO</b>                           | <b>ACTION REQUESTED</b> | <b>DATE COMPLETED</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| TAC Funding & Programming Committee | Review & Recommend      | March 19, 2009        |
| Technical Advisory Committee        | Review & Recommend      | April 1, 2009         |
| TAB Programming Committee           | Review & Recommend      | April 15, 2009        |
| Transportation Advisory Board       | Review & Adopt          | April 15, 2009        |
| Metropolitan Council                | Concurrence             |                       |



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March 16, 2009

Karl Keel, Chair  
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
 Metropolitan Council  
 230 East Fifth St.  
 Mears Park Centre  
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 State Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

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        | NEW  | Metro Council | Section 5309 NewStarts for Central Corridor LRT Project. Funds to support PE and Final Design | 11 Miles |

| PROG | TYPE OF WORK | PROP FUNDS | TOTAL \$   | FHWA Target | HPP \$ | FTA 5309 Earmark \$ | FHWA Target AC \$ | HPP AC \$ | TH \$ | OTHER \$  |
|------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| B3   | Transit LRT  | FTA        | 25,000,000 |             |        | 20,000,000          |                   |           |       | 5,000,000 |

Karl Keel

Date

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**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). With the approval of the 2009 Federal Budget, the Council has been awarded new funds to support the Preliminary Engineering(PE) and Final Design(FD) of the Central Corridor Light Rail Project that is currently in PE and in application for FD leading to the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) as described in FTA Newstarts process.
  
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     X
  - Other\*\*

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination .....
- Exempt from regional level analysis\*.....     O2
- Exempt from project level analysis\*\*.....
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation.....
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area).....

\* Exemption Code\_ O2\_ Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

(O2: Engineering to assess social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternatives to that action)

Karl Keel

Date

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**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.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact \_Susan Stensland at 612-349-7603 or Mani Vannavong at 612-349-7549.

Sincerely,

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Metro Program Management  
Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management  
Mark Furhrmann, CCPO, Deputy General Manager  
Susan Stensland, Grants Manager