

# J Joint Report of the Management, Community Development and Transportation Committees

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 8, 2009

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date Prepared:** June 30, 2009

**Subject:** 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan, Capital Program and Budget Amendment

### Proposed Action:

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### Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

#### Community Development Committee – June 15, 2009

Staff presented the amendment. Staff confirmed that all the funding for the amendment came from 2009 legislative appropriation of state funds. The amendment passed unanimously

#### Transportation Committee – June 22, 2009

Amendments to Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services capital budgets were presented to the Committee by Ed Petrie, Metro Transit and Amy Vennewitz, Metropolitan Transportation Services. Staff answered questions from Committee members. The amendment passed unanimously

#### Management Committee – June 24, 2009

Staff presented the amendment. There were no questions from Committee Members. The amendment passed unanimously.

**M****Management Committee**

Community Development Committee: June 15, 2009

Transportation Committee: June 22, 2009

Metropolitan Council: July 8, 2009

**Meeting date: June 24, 2009****ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	June 16, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Program and Budget Amendment
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	2009 Capital Program and Budget
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Alan Morris, Budget and Evaluation 651-602-1446
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Transportation, Community Development

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**Background**Transit

The proposed capital amendment 1) programs available federal and regional funding, 2) reallocates regional bonding between existing capital projects and 3) deletes completed capital projects from the authorized capital program.

Metro Transit is proposing to amend the authorized capital improvement plan to add two projects and increase the funding amounts for three projects. One project, Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis, is a new addition to the six year capital improvement plan. Another project, Northstar Commuter Rail, is included in the current authorized capital improvement plan, but the requested increase in funding increases the total funding amount approved in the plan. The funding authorization request for the remaining three projects is consistent with the capital improvement plan.

These five projects represent a total increase of \$2,766,375. New federal funding totals \$1,608,375, including the addition of \$1,602,000 for the Northstar project, the addition of \$534,375 for alternatives analysis work on the Southwest Corridor and the removal of \$528,000 in federal funding previously programmed for the

Hiawatha rail facility building. The remaining \$1,158,000 is available through regional bonding authorized by the 2008 Legislature.

Metropolitan Transportation Services is proposing to amend the authorized capital improvement plan to remove nine completed projects, add two projects, and amend four existing projects. The two new projects requested for funding authorization are included in the current six year capital improvement plan.

The nine projects proposed to be removed from the capital improvement plan were authorized for a total of \$11,312,140 of which \$10,371,659 has been spent. Of the \$940,481 that remains, \$141,159 is federal funding that will be available for future use. The remaining \$799,322 is unspent regional bonding authority that is proposed to be reallocated to assist in funding the new and amended projects.

Approval of the two added and four amended projects will cost a total of \$2,936,079. In addition to the \$799,322 of reallocated unspent bonding authority, \$2,136,757 is requested as an increase to authorized regional bonding.

### Parks and Open Space

The proposed capital amendment programs available state funding. The 2009 Legislature appropriated \$15,530,000 to the Council from the new state Parks and Trails Fund, from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and through earmarked appropriations for two pass-through grants.

### **Rationale**

See attached Transportation Committee and Community Development Committee business items.

### **Fiscal Impact**

All of the proposed capital program amendments are consistent with the adopted 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan. The proposed amendment for Transportation includes new regional bonding authority in the Authorized Capital Program, but the regional bond issuance was anticipated in the 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan and reflected in the fiscal impact analysis done as part of the plan.

The level of regional bonding is consistent with the Council goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

See attached Transportation Committee and Community Development Committee business items.

#### Attachments:

Transportation Committee Business Item 2009-180

Community Development Committee Business Item 2009-180

[Attachment 1: July 2009 Capital Program Amendment](#)



# Community Development Committee

Management Committee: June 24, 2009  
Metropolitan Council: July 8, 2009

Meeting date: June 15, 2009

## Executive Summary

Item: 2009-180

### ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	June 1, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan and 2009 Capital Program and Budget Amendment
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	2009 Capital Program and Budget
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Arne Stefferud (651-602-1360) Alan Morris, Principal Financial Analyst (651-602-1446)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Community Development

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2009 Parks and Open Space Authorized Capital Program (Multi-year authorization) by adding \$ 15,530,000 in new spending authority.
- Amend the 2009 Parks and Open Space Capital Budget (Annual Appropriation) by adding \$6,490,000 in new appropriations.
- Approve changes as detailed in [Attachment 1](#).

### Background

The proposed capital amendment provides the authority to spend funds appropriated to the Council for parks grants by the 2009 State Legislature. Additional state funding was provided in several areas.

#### Park Acquisition Opportunity Grants (2009 Session Law, Chapters 143 and 172)

The Metropolitan Council awards acquisition opportunity grants to park agencies to help them buy land within Metro Council-approved regional park or trail master plan boundaries. Park agencies may receive up to \$1.7 million per year in grants. Grants are awarded as needed when land is available to purchase from willing sellers. These grants are comprised of State funds and Metro Council bonds, which together finance 75% of acquisition costs. Park agencies must provide the remaining 25%.

The 2009 Legislature appropriated \$2,550,000 in Fiscal Year 2010 and \$1,514,000 in Fiscal Year 2011 for this program from two funding sources. Metropolitan Council bonds match the State appropriations with \$2 of Council bonds matching \$3 of State appropriations, which results in a \$1.7 million Council bond match for FY 2010 and a \$1,009,000 match for FY 2011. Regional park agencies must provide a \$1 match to every \$3 of State and Metro Council funds (25%).

The proposed amendment provides spending authority for the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation of \$2,550,000, including \$1,290,000 in funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and \$1,260,000 in funding from the Parks and Trails Fund. Park Acquisition Opportunity Grants will be listed in future Unified Capital Budget amendments when they are authorized.

#### Parks and Trails Fund Legacy Amendment (2009 Session Law, Chapter 172)

Last November the voters approved an amendment to the State's constitution that raised the sales tax 3/8ths percent for the next 25 years. This new revenue is dedicated into four accounts--including the "Parks and Trails Fund". Revenue in the Parks and Trails Fund must be spent to "support parks and trails of regional or statewide

significance.” This can include expenditures to operate and maintain parks and trails, as well as expenditures for land acquisition and capital improvements. These appropriations must supplement—not supplant traditional funding sources.

The 2009 Legislature appropriated \$12,640,000 from the Parks and Trails Fund for Fiscal Year 2010 to the Metropolitan Council for the following purposes:

- An earmark appropriation of \$40,000 for a grant to Hennepin County to plant trees along Victory Memorial Parkway.
- \$1,260,000 for Park Acquisition Opportunity Grants described in the previous section of this memorandum.
- \$11,340,000 for grants to the regional park agencies that is disbursed under a formula in the law. Based on this formula, the amount allocated to each park agency is shown in the table below.

**Parks and Trails Fund FY 2010 appropriation for grants to Regional Park Agencies**

<b>Park Agency</b>	<b>Allocation to the Park Agency</b>
Anoka County	\$ 1,103,000
City of Bloomington	\$ 195,000
Carver County	\$ 205,000
Dakota County	\$ 904,000
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	\$ 2,688,000
Ramsey County	\$ 974,000
City of St. Paul	\$ 1,765,000
Scott County	\$ 246,000
Three Rivers Park District	\$ 2,665,000
Washington County	\$ 595,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,340,000</b>

The proposed amendment includes spending authority for the Fiscal Year 2010 portion of the appropriation, described above. As grants for projects from each park agency’s allocation are executed, amendments to the Unified Capital Budget will be made illustrating those grants.

**State Pass-through Grants** (2009 Laws of MN, Chapter 93, Section 12, Subd. 3)

The 2009 State bonding bill included the following appropriations to the Metropolitan Council as pass-through grants: \$600,000 for a grant to the City of Minneapolis to acquire land for and to pre-design and design a bridge for St. Anthony Parkway over the Northtown Rail Yard and \$1,000,000 for a grant to the City of Minneapolis to better the Veterans of World War I Victory Memorial Parkway portion of the Grand Rounds Scenic Byway.

**Rationale**

The Metropolitan Council, through its Parks and Open Space Program, places high priority on using available state funding for the acquisition, development and redevelopment of the regional park system. This capital program amendment helps achieve this goal.

**Funding and Fiscal Impact**

This funding for this proposed capital program amendment comes from state appropriations from the 2009 State Legislative session. This amendment is consistent with the approved capital improvement plan. The proposed amendment is also consistent with the Council stated goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time.

**Known Support / Opposition**

None known.

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: June 22, 2009**

Management Committee: June 24, 2009

Metropolitan Council: July 8, 2009

**Business Item**

Item: 2009-180

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	June 11, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	2009 Capital Program and Budget
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Brian Lamb, General Manager, Metro Transit (612-349-7510) Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Ed Petrie, Director of Finance, Metro Transit (612-349-7624) Sean Pfeiffer, Financial Analyst, MTS (651-602-1887) Alan Morris, Principal Financial Analyst (651-602-1446)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Transportation (Metro Transit & Metropolitan Transportation Services)

## Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2009 Authorized Capital Program (Multi-year authorization) by adding or subtracting spending authority to the Transportation Division as follows:

Metro Transit	\$ 2,766,375	
Metropolitan Transportation Services	\$ 1,995,598	new authority
Metropolitan Transportation Services	(\$ 10,371,659)	closed and removed projects

- Amend the 2009 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing spending authority to the Transportation Division as follows:

Metro Transit	\$ 2,766,375
Metropolitan Transportation Services	\$ 1,995,598

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## Background

### METRO TRANSIT

#### New Funding and Reallocation of Existing Funds

##### **Major Improvements to Support Facilities – Project 62790.**

This amendment adds funds to update the Minneapolis and St. Paul Transit Stores, consistent with the 2009-2014 CIP. The St. Paul Transit Store will get a new store front to allow for the placement of a Ticket Vending Machine facing the skyway. This TVM will give customers the ability to recharge their Go-To card 24/7. A design plan also calls for new lighting, paint and wall coverings in both retail stores to update the image, look and feel.

##### **Northstar Commuter Rail – Project 65510**

This amendment will increase Metro Transit's Northstar capital activities in the net amount of \$1.602 million. Subordinate funding agreements (SFA's 5, 7, 11, 13-16) between the Metropolitan Council and MnDot will increase by \$1.696 million for Big Lake turnout improvements and intertrack fencing construction at the commuter rail stations, Vehicle Maintenance Facility yard switch heaters, BNSF Crew facility construction, rolling stock on-board cameras, miscellaneous fare collection equipment and vehicle maintenance facility equipment. The Amendment to #5 Cooperation Agreement with the Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA) for staffing services is being reduced by \$94,000. The funds are available as part of the Northstar project base contingency.

**Hiawatha LRT: Rail System Facility Building – Project 62314**

This amendment adjusts the authorization by \$400,000 for environmental and construction costs and a fiber optic network communication link.

**Transit Facility Land Acquisition – New Project**

This amendment adds funds for land transfer costs associated with transit project development. The project can be found in the 2009-2014 CIP.

**Southwest Corridor Alternatives Analysis – New Project**

The Metropolitan Council is making application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on behalf of HCRRA (Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority) for this Alternatives Analysis funding. It consists of \$534,375 FTA funds to be matched by \$133,594 local funds (provided by HCRRA) for a total cost of \$667,969. The Southwest Corridor transitway study, under HCRRA, is continuing the process to finalize the locally preferred alternative (LPA) and prepare documentation needed to request FTA approval of the LPA and entry into Preliminary Engineering. The Southwest Corridor transitway is a proposed 14-mile high frequency exclusive transitway serving the communities of Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Edina, Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minneapolis.

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**New Funding and Reallocation of Existing Funds**

**Maple Grove Parkway Station – New Project**

This amendment adds in \$1,936,757 of local match for Maple Grove's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) federal award of \$6,747,028 to construct the Parkway Station, formerly known as the Silver Leaf Transit Station. In addition to the required \$1,686,757 minimum local match, \$250,000 is being brought into this project to help fund the project's increased stall capacity.

**Metro Mobility Computer Upgrades – New Project**

This amendment adds \$200,000 which will be used to replace Metro Mobility's service center and contracted service providers computers and servers.

**MTS Replacement Bus Purchase – Project 35773**

This amendment adds in \$585,322 of additional authority from closed projects.

**MVTA Facilities Repairs and Improvements – Project 35802**

This amendment adds in an additional \$214,000 from closed projects for the remodeling of MVTA's Burnsville bus garage 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The additional amount is being brought in based on a recent estimate for the project.

**MVTA Bluebird Replacement – Project 35772**

**MVTA Big Bus Replacement - Project 35779**

Reallocates \$20,100 from MVTA's Big Bus Replacement project to Bluebird Replacement project.

### **Close Projects and Reallocate Remaining Funds**

Close nine projects and move remaining \$799,322 of RTC funds into other currently authorized projects. \$141,159 of federal CMAQ expansion funding is being removed for future use in other expansion projects.

### **Rationale**

The amendment programs new federal and RTC funds to existing projects and creates a new pass-through project using new federal and other regional funds to allow the Council to carry out its long-term capital improvement program for transit.

### **Funding**

This proposed amendment adds \$1,467,216 in new federal funds and \$3,294,757 in new RTC funds. It is consistent with the Council goal to keep the impact of Council property taxes on existing regional taxpayers flat over time.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

None known.