

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 13,
2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date September 28, 2010
Prepared:
Subject: 2010-3012 TIP Amendment: Include SP#8816-1438: Pre-implementation study for a priced managed lane on I-94 (TAB Action 2010-55)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to approve a 2010-2013 TIP Amendment for MnDOT SP#8816-1438: Pre-implementation study for a "Priced" Managed Lane on I-94.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Carl Ohrn, MTS Planning Analyst, presented this item. There were not questions raised by the committee.

Motion by Leppik, seconded by Hilker and passed unanimously.

Hearing no objection, Chair Peterson stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a consent item.

Business Item

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: September 27, 2010

Item: 2010-325

Metropolitan Council: October 13, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 16, 2010
Subject:	2010-2013 TIP Amendment: Include SP#8816-1438: Pre-implementation study for a priced managed lane on I-94 (TAB Action 2010-55)
District(s), Member(s):	District 13 – Aguilar, District 14 - Beach
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Director Finance & Planning (651-602-1058) Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719)
Division/Department:	MTS

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to approve a 2010-2013 TIP Amendment for MnDOT SP#8816-1438: Pre-implementation study for a “Priced” Managed Lane on I-94.

Background

Federal Value Pricing Pilot Program funds were awarded to MnDOT in 2009 for study of managed lanes and MnPASS on I-94. The timing was such that these funds were not used. MnDOT would like to use them now to study how the TH-280/I-94 Interchange might be modified to implement a MnPASS lane.

Rationale

In order to spend Federal Transportation funds, they must be in the current TIP.

Funding

The federal funds and state matching funds are available.

Known Support / Opposition

MnDOT supports, and no opposition was expressed at the TAC or TAB meetings.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Bill Hargis
Acting Chair

September 17, 2010

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Mr. Bell,

On September 15, 2010, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP# 8816-1438: Pre-implementation Study for a "Priced" Managed Lane on I-94.

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This TIP amendment is necessary to include the federal funds awarded in 2009 from the Value Pricing Pilot Program.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2010-55.

Sincerely,



Bill Hargis,
Acting Chair

Citizen Members - Precinct

Andrew Reinhardt - A
Thomas Heffelfinger - B
James Meyers - C
Chuck Haik - D
Bart Ward - E
vacant - F
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Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2010-55

DATE: September 17, 2010
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment Request for MN/DOT SP#8816-1438: Pre-Implementation Study for a "Priced" Managed Lane on I-94
MOTION: That the TAB approve a 2010-2013 TIP Amendment for MN/DOT SP#8816-1438: Pre-Implementation Study for a "Priced" Managed Lane on I-94.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to add federal funds awarded in 2009 from the Value Pricing Pilot Program to the current TIP. These funds were originally awarded to study managed lanes and MnPASS operations on I-94 but the need to begin the study occurred earlier than when these funds would become available. FHWA has authorized the use of these funds on a related study that will build upon the findings of the I-94 Managed Lanes Study. The I-94 study recommended reconstruction of the TH 280 interchange to eliminate the left-hand entrance and exit ramps to allow for continuous left hand MnPASS lanes. This new study would examine the feasibility of reconstructing this interchange and consideration of low cost improvements on the I-94 Managed Lanes to permit MnPASS operations as well as the feasibility of providing a MnPASS access into downtown Minneapolis.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	August 18, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	September 1, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	September 9, 2010
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	September 15, 2010
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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August 19, 2010

Karl Keel, Chair
 TAC Funding and Programming Committee
 Metropolitan Council
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Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 State Project Number: 8816-1438 Pre-Implementation Study for a "Priced" Managed Lane on I-94

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2011. 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
2011	M	M	I-94	SP8816-1438	MnDOT	Pre-Implementation Study for a "Priced" Managed Lane on I-94	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA Target	HPP \$	Earmark \$	FHWA Target AC \$	HPP AC \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
PL	Planning	FFM	500,000	0	400,000	0	0	0	100,000	0

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).

Originally, these funds were awarded in SFY 2009 to study managed lanes and MnPASS operations on I-94. However, the need to begin the study was much earlier than the funds would become available from Washington. The I-94 Managed Lanes Study moved forward and was completed in January 2010.

MnDOT requested from FHWA approval to spend the funds on a related study that will build upon the findings of the I-94 Managed Lanes Study. The I-94 study, under the full construction alternative, recommended reconstruction of the Highway 280 interchange that eliminates left hand entrance and exit ramps, providing lane continuity which permits left hand MnPASS managed lanes operations. The new study would examine the feasibility of reconstructing the Highway 280 interchange, along with consideration of low cost improvements on the I-94 Managed Lanes that may permit MnPASS HOT Lane operations and connections. Also under consideration is the feasibility of providing MnPASS access into downtown Minneapolis.

A memorandum dated July 29, 2010 has been received from the Washington FHWA Operations Office that the funds may be spent on this study. This amendment is needed to add federal funds awarded in 2009 from the Value Pricing Pilot Program to the current TIP.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money – Value Pricing Pilot Program 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**

*These funds are not part of the Metro District Target funds, therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- 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: O-1 – Specific Activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning and technical studies, Grants for training and research programs, Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.

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CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 19, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009.

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 District-Investment Management

cc: Ken Buckeye, MnDOT
Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Investment Management
John Griffith, Metro Area Manager