

**T** Transportation Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 28,  
2012

**Date Prepared:** March 27, 2012

**Subject:** 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to add Hennepin County The Interchange Project (TAB Action 2012-13)

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Section 5309 FTA discretionary funding for construction of The Interchange project in downtown Minneapolis.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

James Andrew, Senior Planner, presented this item. In response to Council member Brimeyer's question, Brian Lamb explained that the total funding package for The Interchange project has not yet been assembled and that all project partners continue to work on closing the funding gap.

Motion by Duininck, seconded by Munt, and passed.

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: March 26, 2012**

**Council meeting date: March 28, 2012**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>March 21, 2012</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to add Hennepin County The Interchange Project(TAB Action 2012-13)</b>
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	<b>Cunningham - 7</b>
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	<b>TAB Action</b>
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	<b>Arlene McCarthy, Director (651-602-1754)</b> <b>Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance &amp; Planning (651-602-1058)</b> <b>Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator (651-602-1728)</b> <b>James Andrew, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)</b>
<b>Division/Department:</b>	<b>Metropolitan Transportation Services</b>

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Section 5309 FTA discretionary funding for construction of The Interchange project in downtown Minneapolis.

### **Background**

This amendment is needed because Hennepin County received a \$10M grant from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program. These funds, administered as Section 5309 funds by the Federal Transit Administration must be identified in the current TIP in order for the funds to become available for the intended use.

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Federal (FTA Section 5309) Funds</b>	<b>Local Match (Hennepin County and MN bonds)</b>
Construction of the Transportation Interchange in Downtown Minneapolis	\$10,000,000	\$2,500,000

### **Rationale**

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. This project and the amendment is exempt from air quality conformity analysis, is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and does not affect fiscal constraint as it adds new federal funds awarded to Hennepin County.

This TIP amendment is being moved to the Council for same week action to allow Hennepin County to move forward with awarding the design build contract this April.

### **Funding**

This project will be funded with a combination of FTA funds and local funds from several sources including Hennepin County and state bonds. A full financing package has not yet been finalized but will include the federal funds and county and state funds.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There was no opposition expressed. The amendment is supported by Hennepin County.