

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

DATE: December 20, 2012
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
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SUBJECT: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for Metro Transit
REQUESTED ACTION: Metro Transit requests a TIP amendment to add a new project for a Metro Transit Police Facility at the Interchange in Minneapolis.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Metro Transit Police Facility project in 2013 using \$9,600,000 in Section 5307 funding and \$2,400,000 in Regional Transit Capital funds.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The funding for a new Transit Police Facility was originally in the Metropolitan Council's 2012-2015 Capital Improvement Plan. The project is moving along faster than anticipated, due to an opportunity at a desirable location within the Transportation Interchange project in downtown Minneapolis. This TIP amendment will allow efficiencies and economic opportunities with the design, construction and occupancy of a new Metro Transit Police Facility.

The total project cost is anticipated at \$12 million. The funding will consist of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds (\$9,600,000) and Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds (\$2,400,000) in 2013. FTA 5307 funds are "formula funds" allotted on an annual basis to be identified in the STIP with a local funding match of 20%.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved TIP and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity; and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the project is fully funded using FTA 5307 funds that are not programmed to a specific project and new regional funding. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011. The project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. The opportunity for public input is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its December 20, 2012, meeting, the TAC Funding and Programming Committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend this TIP amendment to the TAB for adoption.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	December 20, 2012
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
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