

# T Transportation Committee

**Business Item**  
**Item: 2012-136**  
**Consent**

**Meeting date: April 23, 2012**

**Council meeting date: May 9, 2012**

<b>ADVISORY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>April 18, 2012</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to include 5 rail crossing safety projects (TAB Action 2012-16)</b>
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	<b>5 – Elkins, 7 – Cunningham, 13 - Kramer</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 SP#s: 13-00001, 27-00306, 27-00307, 62-00206, 62-00207: rail crossing safety projects to replace antiquated equipment.

## **Background**

This amendment is needed to add five rail crossing safety projects (four of which are in the Metropolitan Council jurisdiction, one is in Chisago County) to the 2012-2015 TIP. MnDOT currently has a set-aside of federal rail safety funds (RRS) in the 2012-2015 STIP for rail crossing safety projects administered by MnDOT’s Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicles. This amendment adds a portion of the funding from this set-aside to these rail crossing safety projects to replace antiquated safety equipment.

Project Description	State Rail Funds	Federal (RRS) Funds
SP#13-0001: West 8th Street in Rush City (Chisago County)	\$175,000	\$5,000
SP#27-00306: Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis	\$275,000	\$5,000
SP#27-00307: West 86th Street in Bloomington	\$225,000	\$5,000
SP#62-00206: Wabasha Avenue in St Paul	\$200,000	\$5,000
SP#62-00207: Myrtle Avenue in St Paul	\$200,000	\$5,000

**Rationale**

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. These projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis. They do not affect fiscal constraint as they use funds from an existing set-aside in the TIP.

**Funding**

These projects use State Rail Bond funds and a funding set-aside in the current TIP SP#880C-RAIL-12 (Seq. #2182) for rail grade crossing projects.

**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition. MnDOT supports this amendment.