

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 10, 2012

For the Council Meeting of December 12, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
<b>Date:</b>	November 30, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	2013-2016 TIP Amendment to add the Transportation Interchange facility in Minneapolis (SP#027-030-028; TAB Action 2012-37)
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	7 – Cunningham
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	TAB Action
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services

## Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Transportation Interchange facility in Minneapolis (SP#027-030-028).

## Background

On August 17, 2012, the federal government announced the immediate release of earmark funds from federal fiscal year 2003-2006 appropriations acts. This release authorized the states, subject to FHWA review, to reallocate unobligated earmark funding from these federal fiscal years. These funds are available to be reprogrammed on other Title 23 and Title 49 eligible projects. If these released funds are not obligated before December 31, 2012, the remaining federal funds will be redistributed to states that met the December 31, 2012, deadline.

In 2003, Hennepin County received an \$8,941,500 federal appropriation for the I-35W & Lake Street Access Project in Minneapolis. To date none of the funds have been obligated. The county worked with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to develop a means by which the appropriation may be obligated by December 31, 2012. The federal funds from the Lake Street appropriation will be re-programmed on two projects to ensure the federal funds are obligated before the deadline of December 31, 2012. A portion of the original earmark, in the amount of \$6,941,500, will be re-programmed for the Interchange site clearing, foundation construction and building structure. (The second project will be addressed in Business Item No. 2012-372 SW.)

Project Description	Federal Funds (earmark)
SP#027-030-028: Transportation Interchange facility in Minneapolis – Site preparation, foundation construction, building structure	\$6,941,500

**Rationale**

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. All transportation projects that receive federal funding must be included in the TIP. This project is exempt from air quality analysis, is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, and does not affect fiscal constraint.

**Funding**

This project is fully funded with \$6,941,500 of recently-released 100% federal earmark funding.

**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition