

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 28, 2013

For the Council Meeting of February 13, 2013

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: January 17, 2013

Subject: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for Metro Transit Police Facility

District(s), Member(s): 7 - Cunningham

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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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 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

The funding for a new Transit Police Facility was originally in the Metropolitan Council's 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan and was planned for implementation in 2014 - 2015. 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 the project to begin in 2013 and provide efficiencies and economic opportunities with the design, construction and occupancy of the new facility.

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

The total project cost is anticipated at \$12 million. The funding will consist of Council-allocated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds (\$9,600,000) and Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds (\$2,400,000) in 2013.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition