

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 12, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 28, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Amend the 2014 Unified Budget: Conversion of Capital Program from Cash Flow Basis to Authorization Basis

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes Section 473.13, Subd. 1

Staff Prepared/Presented: Paul Conery, Director of Budget/Operations (651-602-1374)

Division/Department: All

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the amendment of the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

Background

The Metropolitan Council historically has presented the capital program primarily on a cash flow basis – showing the costs of a capital project in the year or years that cash is projected to be disbursed. Staff is proposing that the capital program be converted from a cash flow basis to an authorization basis – showing the costs of a capital project in the year that we will request the Council to give final authorization to the capital project so it may proceed.

Benefits of the conversion to an authorization basis include:

- The capital program will show when the Council will be asked to make decisions on whether capital projects should be implemented.
- More closely ties capital projects approval to when funding for the project becomes available.

While the Council will adopt a capital program by year of authorization, staff will continue to provide cash flow information to determine the fiscal impacts of the capital improvement program and to determine when regional bonds will need to be issued to cover cash disbursements.

Rationale

The proposed amendment aligns the capital program with the decision making process of the Council and Executive capital project management.

Funding

The proposed amendment only changes the way the capital program is presented to Council and the Public. It does not include any changes to the status or funding of any project and has no funding or fiscal impacts.

Known Support / Opposition

None



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Dollars in Thousands

TABLE 9			Authorized Capital Program (ACP)			Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)				Total	
Project #	Project Name	Cat	< 2014	2014 Changes	Current	2014	2015	2016	2017-19	Total	ACP + CIP
35801	MVTA Cedar BRT - Buses, Equipment, and Techn	T	6,143	-	6,143	-	-	-	-	-	6,143
35835	Union Depot - 2009 State GO Bonds	T	500	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
35836	Cedar BRT - 2009 State GO Bonds	T	3,287	-	3,287	-	-	-	-	-	3,287
35861	Bottineau Transitway Alternative Analysis	T	250	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
35862	I-94 Transitway Alternative Analysis	T	250	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
35863	Newport - Park and Ride	T	475	-	475	-	-	-	-	-	475
35864	Nicollet-Central Urban Circulator - AA Study	T	900	-	900	-	-	-	-	-	900
35865	Robert Street Transitway - AA Study	T	1,180	-	1,180	-	-	-	-	-	1,180
35866	Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit	T	950	-	950	-	-	-	-	-	950
35870	Union Depot Construct and Rehabilitation	T	1,543	-	1,543	-	-	-	-	-	1,543
35871	Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit	T	1,550	-	1,550	-	-	-	-	-	1,550
35891	Newport Park-and-Ride - 2011 State GO Bonds	T	1,750	-	1,750	-	-	-	-	-	1,750
35892	Cedar BRT - 2011 State GO Bonds	T	1,000	(300)	700	-	-	-	-	-	700
35893	Robert Street Corridor - 2011 State GO Bonds	T	250	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
35909	Cedar Avenue BRT - Marketing and Technology	T	1,777	250	2,027	-	-	-	-	-	2,027
35920	Cedar Avenue BRT - Red Line Buses - Equip. & Te	T	250	(250)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL - TRANSITWAYS NON-NEW STARTS		315,377	(107,033)	208,344	18,970	9,400	3,965	5,512	37,847	246,191
FEDERAL NEW STARTS RAIL PROJECTS											
Metro Transit											
65895	Hiawatha Corridor LRT Project	T	717,857	-	717,857	-	-	-	-	-	717,857
65510	Northstar Commuter Rail	T	84,927	-	84,927	-	-	-	-	-	84,927
65701	Central Corridor LRT	T	956,900	-	956,900	-	-	-	-	-	956,900
61001	Southwest Light Rail Transit	T	90,992	17,557	108,549	-	-	-	-	-	108,549
61001e	Southwest Light Rail Transit	T	-	-	-	116,492	-	1,025,445	-	1,141,937	1,141,937
	TOTAL - NEW STARTS RAIL PROJECTS		1,850,676	17,557	1,868,233	116,492	-	1,025,445	-	1,141,937	3,010,170