ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2011-31

DATE:

March 9, 2011

TO:

Transportation Advisory Board

FROM:

Technical Advisory Committee

SUBJECT:

TIP Amendment Request for Metro Transit Project to Construct New

Paint Booth.

MOTION:

That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP that adds a

Metro Transit FTA 5309 Funding for Construction of a new paint booth at

the existing Overhaul Base Maintenance Facility.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This project has received FTA 5309 discretionary funds as part of the State of Good Repair Grant. These funds will go toward design and construction of a new paint booth to replace the existing paint both, which will improve maintenance operations by providing more efficient systems and increase capacity for painting buses. This is new money and is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

ТО	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming	Review & Recommend	February 17, 2011
Committee		
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	March 2, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



February 8, 2011

Karl Keel, Chair TAC Funding & Programming Committee 390 North Robert Street St. Paul MN 55101

Re:

TIP/STIP Amendment to add FTA Sect 5309 Discretionary Award Funds for the Overhaul Base Facility Renovations – Paint Booth

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please consider this formal request from Metro Transit to amend the Minnesota 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities, Minnesota. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	ATP	DIST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECTNU MBER(S.P. #)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	MILES
2011	М	M	ВВ		Met Council - MT	Section 5309: Overhaul Base Construct new paint booth at existing Overhaul Base Maintenance Facility	0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUND S	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
В3	Bus Grant Capital Improvement	FTA	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$400,000 (Regional Transit capital)

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous TIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

This project has received FTA 5309 discretionary funds as part of the State of Good Repair Grant. These funds will allow for the design and construction of a new paint booth to replace the existing paint booth. This will improve maintenance operations by providing more efficient systems and increase capacity for painting buses. This project will be designed and constructed in conjunction with other proposed Overhaul Base renovations that are currently included in the TIP in order to achieve economic efficiencies.

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2.	How is Fiscal Const	raint Maintained as r	equired by 23 C	FR 450.216 (c	heck all that	apply)?
	New Money	- FTA State of Good	l Repair Grant F	unds	X	

• Anticipated Advance Construction

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• ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects

These funds are in addition to the regular federal formula funding. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

•	Subject to conformity	determination	 ·

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009. The amendment is also consistent with the 2030 Policy Plan update adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 and transmitted to MnDOT on November 22, 2010 for transmittal to USDOT for a conformity determination.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please call me at (612) 349-7689. Metro Transit staff will be available for questions at your January meeting.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Thorstenson

Director, Engineering & Facilities

cc: Sherry Narusiewicz, Mn/DOT
Mary Gustafson, Metro Transit
Brian Lamb, Metro Transit
James Andrew, Metropolitan Council

Exempt from regional level analysis*.....

^{*}Project Category NC – Non-Classifiable Projects were evaluated through an interagency consultation process and determined not to fit into any exempt nor intersection-level analysis category, but they are clearly not of a nature which would require inclusion in a regional air quality analysis.