

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 17, 2011
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	M	M	BB		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 \$
B3	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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- New Money- FTA State of Good Repair Grant Funds X
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis*
- Exempt from project level analysis*
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation* **X***
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

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