

# T Transportation Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2009-39

**Meeting date: February 9, 2009**

**Council meeting February 25, 2009**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>                     | January 30, 2009                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Subject:</b>                  | 2009-2012 TIP Amendment: MnDOT, Include SP#TRF-0018-09, Continue Promotion Activities for Van-Go Program (TAB Action 2009-02)                                |
| <b>District(s), Member(s):</b>   | All                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>   | TAB Action                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b> | Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754)<br>Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Director Finance & Planning( 651-602-1058)<br>Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst (651-602-1719) |
| <b>Division/Department:</b>      | Metropolitan Transportation Services                                                                                                                         |

## Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program to fund the Van-Go van pool program.

## Background

To spend federal transportation funds, the projects must be in the current TIP.

## Rationale

The allocation of these funds occurred after the 2009-2012 TIP was prepared.

The use of the JARC funds is changing from Greater Minnesota to the Council's Van-Go vanpool program for vanpools that operate, in part, outside the seven county Metro area.

## Funding

The amendment adds funding.

## Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

# Transportation Advisory Board

## of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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Donn R. Wiski  
Chair

January 27, 2009

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Peter Bell, Chair  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street No.  
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Mr. Bell,

On January 21, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP# TRF-0018-09, Section 5316 Bus Capital Grant. This funding has been re-allocated from Section 5316 JARC funds identified for Greater Minnesota.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-02.

Sincerely,

*Donn Wiski*

Donn Wiski, Chair  
Transportation Advisory Board

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2009-02

**DATE:** January 27, 2009  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** 2009-2012 TIP amendment for JARC program funding

**MOTION:** The Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program to continue ridesharing and van pooling promotion activities at current levels.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** The TIP amendment is needed because the project was funded in the 2009 selection process for 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute funds identified for Greater Minnesota. The funds will be used to further fund the Van-Go van pool program. The amendment is needed to identify the project in the 2009-2012 TIP.

Additional background material is attached.

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**ROUTING**

| TO                                  | ACTION REQUESTED   | DATE COMPLETED    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| TAC Funding & Programming Committee | Review & Recommend | December 18, 2008 |
| Technical Advisory Committee        | Review & Recommend | January 4, 2009   |
| TAB Programming Committee           | Review & Recommend | January 21, 2009  |
| Transportation Advisory Board       | Review & Adopt     | January 21, 2009  |
| Metropolitan Council                | Concurrence        |                   |



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December 18, 2008

Tom Johnson, Chair  
TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
Metropolitan Council  
230 East Fifth St.  
Mears Park Centre  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
State Project Number: TRF-0018-09

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please amend the 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in 2009. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

| STATE<br>FISCAL<br>YEAR | ATP | DIST | ROUTE<br>SYS | PROJECT<br>NUMBER<br>(S.P. #)<br>(Fed # if<br>available) | AGENCY      | DESCRIPTION<br>include location, description<br>of all work, & city (if<br>applicable) | MILES |
|-------------------------|-----|------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 2009                    | M   | M    | BB           | TRF-0018-09                                              | Met Council | Sect 5316: Reverse Commute<br>Routes                                                   | 0.0   |

| PROG | TYPE<br>OF<br>WORK              | PROP<br>FUNDS | TOTAL<br>\$ | FHWA<br>Target | HPP<br>\$ | Earmark<br>\$ | FHWA<br>Target<br>AC<br>\$ | FTA     | TH \$ | OTHER<br>\$ |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------|---------|-------|-------------|
| JA   | Bus<br>Grant<br>Capital<br>Imp. | FTA           | 248,976     | 0              | 0         | 0             | 0                          | 124,488 | 0     | 124,488     |

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**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

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

This project was funded in the 2009 selection process for 5316 JARC funds identified for Greater Minnesota. The funds will be used to further fund the Van-Go van pool program. The amendment is needed to identify the project in the 2009-2012 TIP.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
  - New Money\*     X
  - Anticipated Advance Construction
  - ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
  - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
  - Other\*\*

\*FTA 5316 JARC

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

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

\* Exemption Code- AQ-1 – Continuation of ridesharing and van pooling promotion activities at current levels

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on December 14, 2004, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 1, 2005.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-234-7793.

Sincerely,

Sherry Narusiewicz  
Transportation Program Coordinator  
Metro Program Management

cc: Marv Lunceford, Metro Program Management  
Chuck Morris, MnDOT Office of Transit