

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

**DATE:** July 16, 2013  
**TO:** TAC Funding & Programming Committee  
**PREPARED BY:** Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator (651-602-1728)  
**SUBJECT:** Public Comment Report on the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** That TAB accepts the Public Comments report for the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That TAB accepts the Public Comments report for the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** On Wednesday, June 19, 2013 the Transportation Advisory Board held a public hearing on the draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Comments were also collected over a 45-day public comment period in accordance with Council policy for public hearings.

The public hearing and public comment period affords the public an opportunity to see the draft TIP and to understand how it is prepared, the amounts and sources of funding, which agencies program funds in the TIP and how they determine which projects to fund. The public can comment on any aspect of the draft TIP and staff will prepare a response for the public record. Project sponsors may also comment on their projects in the draft TIP. The attached public comment report documents the public involvement during the development of the TIP.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Preparation, adoption and maintenance of the region's Transportation Improvement Program is one of the TAB's main responsibilities. The TAB has the lead role in this important effort because the Board membership includes local elected officials. Reasonable opportunity for public comment and input during the preparation of the TIP is required by federal law. The public comment report documents the TAB's public input efforts during the preparation of the 2014-2017 TIP.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Staff has provided responses or recommendations to all of the public comments received during the public hearing and submitted outside the public hearing during the public comment process. Staff analysis is included in the public hearing report and the public comment report.

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<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
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Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Accept	
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RE: Draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Dear Metropolitan Area Transportation Stakeholders and Citizens;

In accordance with federal requirements and the desire to gain effective public participation in the preparation of the region's Transportation Improvement Program, the Transportation Advisory Board held a public hearing on the draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, June 19, 2013. A public comment period of 45 days was also held open to receive comments outside the formal public hearing. This document and the attached material comprise the public comment report on the Draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

This public comment report includes the following:

Appendix A

The public hearing notice that appeared in the State Register, area newspapers and Metropolitan Council website.

Appendix B

Copies of the presentations made by Minnesota Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Council staff at the June 19, 2013 public hearing.

Appendix C

Public hearing report and all written comments received during the public comment period with staff responses.

Sincerely,



Kevin Roggenbuck  
TAB Transportation Coordinator

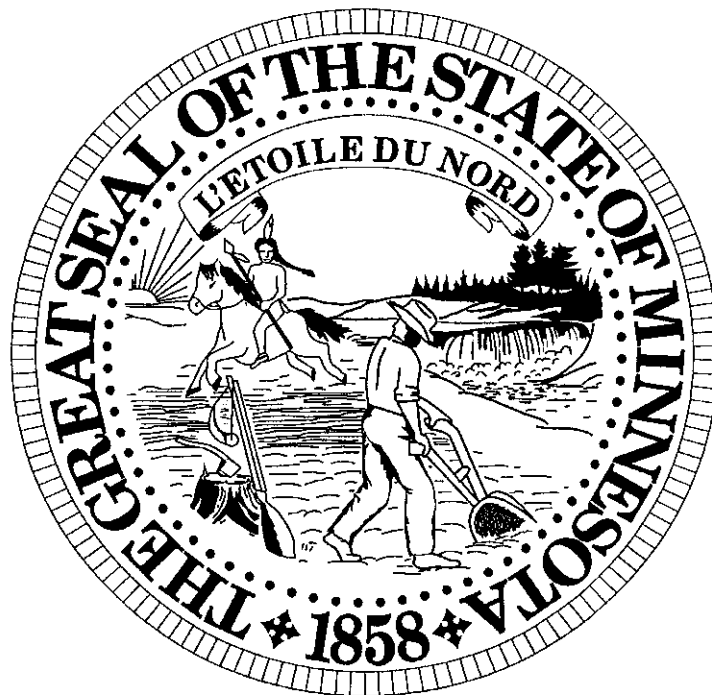
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- Notices that appeared in area newspapers and other publications.

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For additional contracts go to:  
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For additional grants go to the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at:  
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the Metropolitan Airports Commission offices.

Dated this 21st day of May 2013.

Jeffrey W. Hamiel, Executive Director and CEO  
Metropolitan Airports Commission  
6040 - 28th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

### Metropolitan Council Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) of the Metropolitan Council will hold a public hearing on June 19, 2013, to receive public comments on the proposed 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The program will include highway, transit, bikeway and pedestrian enhancements, and air quality projects that are proposed for federal funding in the seven-county metropolitan area in the next four years. The TIP includes the recommended projects selected through the 2011 Regional Solicitation process for federal transportation funds. The program is prepared annually and must contain all projects that are to be implemented with federal transportation funding. This TIP also contains the Metropolitan Council's Program of Projects, which includes transit projects for Metro Transit, Metro Mobility, contracted services and suburban transit providers. This hearing fulfills FTA's public participation requirements for the Program of Projects.

#### Public Hearing for Comments on the TIP

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.

Metropolitan Council Chambers

390 Robert Street North

Saint Paul, MN 55101

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Upon request, the Council will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. In addition to providing oral or written comments at the public hearing, comments may be made in the following ways:

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- Record a comment on the Public Comment Line at (651) 602-1500; TTY: (651) 291-0904
- Fax to Metropolitan Council, Public Information at (651) 602-1464.

**Comments must be received by 5 p.m., June 28, 2013.** Download the draft 2014-2017 TIP from [www.metrocouncil.org](http://www.metrocouncil.org). If you need a printed copy of the draft, please call (651) 602-1140; TTY: (651) 291-0904 to request a copy. Other background materials describing the Council's transportation planning and programming efforts are also available.

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# TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

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- [2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program](#) (216 pages, 5.86 MB pdf)
- [Previous TIP: 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program](#) (223 pages, 4.21 MB pdf)

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- [Draft 2014-2017 TIP for Public Comment](#) (221 pages, 8.48 MB pdf)

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## Public comment period open for Twin Cities Draft 2014-2017 TIP

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More information on the draft TIP and how to participate in the public comment period is available at:

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/Transportation/Planning/TIP.aspx>

A public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at 390 Robert Street North in downtown St. Paul. The public comment period on the draft TIP is open through **5 p.m., Friday, June 28, 2013.**

For more information, contact Heidi Schallberg, senior transportation planner at the Metropolitan Council at 651.602.1721 or [Heidi.Schallberg@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Heidi.Schallberg@metc.state.mn.us).

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**O'Connell, Pat**

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**From:** O'Connell, Pat  
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May 17, 2013

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ATTN: Luletta Schmitz

Please run the attached legal notices entitled "TIP Public Hearing" on Sunday, May 19 in your publication. Send the bill and affidavit to the attention Finance Department. (Acct # 19200).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Office of Communications  
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(May 23)

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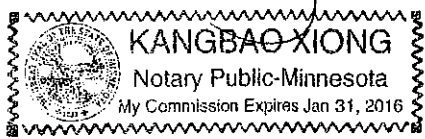
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\*Wednesday, June 19, 2013  
3:00 p.m.

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Saint Paul, MN 55101

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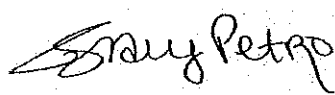
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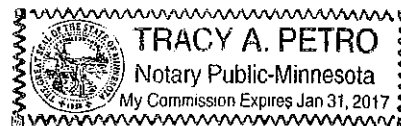


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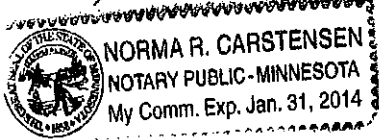
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TIP Public Hearing

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Questions about the hearing or transportation assumptions and technical materials should be directed to Kevin Roggenbuck at Kevin.Roggenbuck@metc.state.mn.us or Heidi Schallberg at Heidi.Schallberg@metc.state.mn.us, Metropolitan Council, 390 Robert St. N., St. Paul, MN 55101.

(Published in The Waconia Patriot May 23, 2013)





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OF MORTGAGE  
NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT  
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File Number: 028581F01  
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# Affidavit of Publication Southwest Newspapers

State of Minnesota)  
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Laurie A. Hartmann, being duly sworn, on oath says that she is the publisher or the authorized agent of the publisher of the newspapers known as the Shakopee Valley News, Jordan Independent, Prior Lake American and Savage Pacer, and has full knowledge of the facts herein stated as follows:

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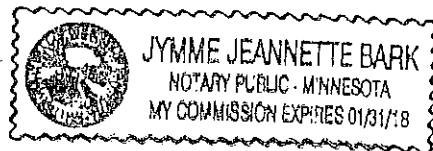
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By: Laurie A. Hartmann  
Laurie A. Hartmann

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 NORTH ST. PAUL, MINN 55109  
 DISPLAY BOOKKEEPING 651-748-7889  
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MAY 24, 2013

Date

Number

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METRO COUNCIL--OLSEN  
 ATTN: ONA OLSEN  
 390 N ROBERTS ST  
 ST PAUL

ACCT NO  
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DUE BY JUNE 25, 2013

MN 55101

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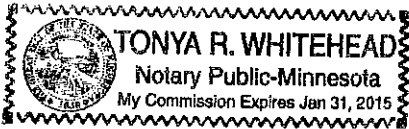
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BY: Anne M. Thillen  
TITLE LEGAL COORDINATOR

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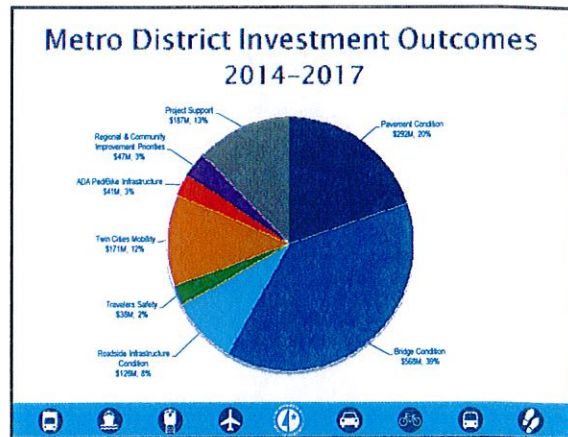
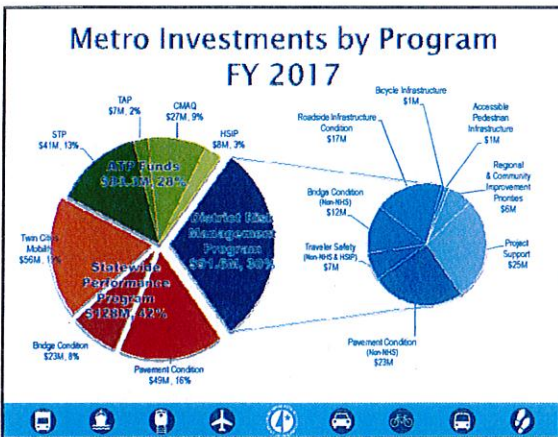
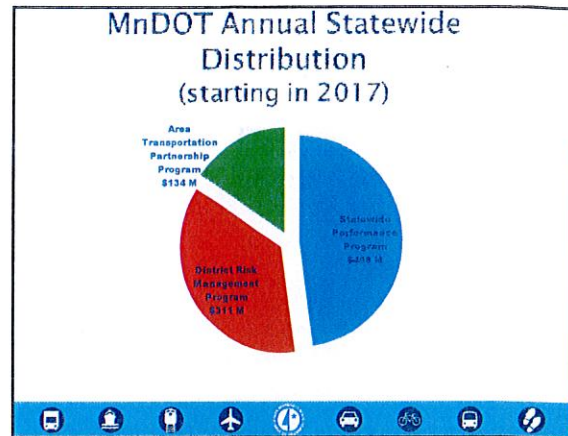
- Presentations by Minnesota Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Council on the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

  
**Public Hearing on the Draft**  
**2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program**  
 June 19, 2013




**Ryan Gaug**  
 MnDOT Metro Program Management  
 651-234-7792  
 ryan.gaug@state.mn.us

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### Key Changes- STIP

- ▶ Pavement
  - Additional \$33 million in pavement funding added 2014-2016
  - Pavement funding in FY 2017 at \$72 million
- ▶ Bridges
  - Brought three Chapter 152 bridges into this STIP
    - High Bridge in St Paul
    - 2 Downtown Minneapolis bridges on 35W
- ▶ Mobility Program
  - Additional \$20M per year 2014-16
  - \$56M total mobility in 2017



### 2014 Major Projects

- ▶ Infrastructure
  - St Croix River Crossing Project (\$290.6 M)
  - TH 5 Bridge @ Fort Snelling (\$11 M)
  - TH 101 Flood Mitigation Project in Shakopee (\$34 M)
- ▶ Mobility
  - I-494 Dynamic Shoulder Lane from I-394 to I-94 (\$48 M)
  - I-35E MnPASS project (\$105 M)
- ▶ TED/SAM
  - TH 101/CR 144 in Rogers (SAM/STP funds=\$17 M)
  - 4th Street/I-35W in Minneapolis (TED/Local Funds=\$13.5 M)
  - TH 169/CR 69 (SAM/Local Funds=\$15.5 M)



## 2015 Major Projects

- ▶ Infrastructure
  - TH 100 from I-394 to 36<sup>th</sup> Street (\$62 M)
  - TH 149 pavement (\$6.9 M)
  - TH 36/Lexington (\$13.6 M)
  - I-35E - Goose Lake Bridge and Pavement (\$14.5 M)
  - I-35W and CR H (\$6.5 M)
- ▶ Mobility
  - TH 610 105<sup>th</sup> Street project (\$10M)
  - Snelling Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (\$6 M)
  - Congestion Management Safety Plan (CMSP) (\$14M)



## 2016 Major Projects

- ▶ Infrastructure
  - I-94 and TH 61 from Mounds Blvd to TH 120 (\$32.5 M)
  - TH 100 from 36<sup>th</sup> to 494 (\$10 M)
  - I-35W from CR C to I-694
    - Mill and overlay (\$10.6 M)
    - Bridges at CR E2 and CR F (\$10.7 M)
- ▶ Mobility
  - I-35E Managed Lane Implementation (as setaside for now - assuming \$20 M)
  - I-35W Auxiliary Lanes included in mill/overlay above
  - Right of Way funding for TH 610 (\$8.5M)
  - CMSP (\$2M)



## 2017 Major Projects

- ▶ Infrastructure
  - I-94 from Nicollet to TH 252
    - Concrete Pavement Repair (\$23.4 M)
    - Tunnel (\$4.7 M)
    - Bridge (\$11.4 M)
  - High Bridge in St Paul (\$14.1 M)
- ▶ Mobility
  - I-35W from 46<sup>th</sup> to I-94 (\$120 M)
  - 610 Right of Way (\$6.6M)
  - CMSP (\$15.5M)



Thank you

Ryan Gaug  
 MnDOT Metro Program Management  
 651-234-7792  
[ryan.gaug@state.mn.us](mailto:ryan.gaug@state.mn.us)



Metropolitan Council

## TRANSIT FUNDING IN THE TIP

TAC May 1, 2013

### Transit in the TIP

- The TIP includes all transit projects with federal funding, both capital and operating
  - Projects planned to use federal formula funds
  - Transit projects funded with CMAQ through the regional solicitation
  - Federal Transit Administration competitive grants and earmarks awarded to the Council and others

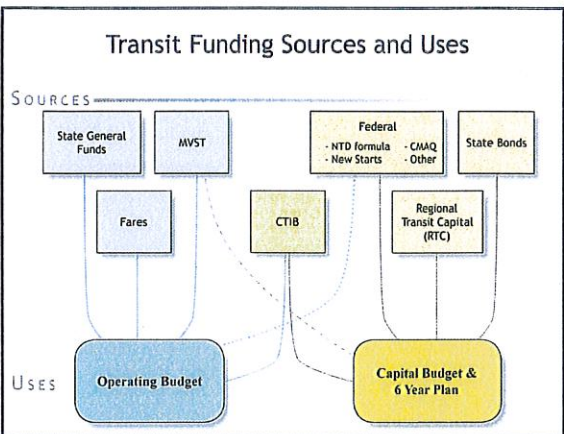
### Transit in the TIP

- 2014-2017 TIP - Transit Projects
  - CMAQ projects:
    - CCLRT operations, Park & Rides, Demo Bus Routes, TDM
  - New Starts and Discretionary:
    - CCLRT and Southwest LRT Capital
  - FTA Formula Funds:
    - Components of Council CIP and Operating Budget (5307)

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### Transit in the TIP

- 2014-2017 TIP - Transit Projects
  - FTA Formula Funds (continued):
    - State of Good Repair (5337) – preservation only
      - High Intensity Fixed Guideway – Rail maintenance, LRV replacement, LRV Overhaul
      - High Intensity Bus – Bus replacement, maintenance & maintenance facilities, passenger facilities maintenance
    - Bus and Bus Facility (5339) – Bus replacement and Bus Facilities Maintenance – preservation only



### Capital Planning

Council annually prepares a 6-year transit Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

CIP includes all local, state and federal (formula and competitive) funds expected to be received by the Council

CIP includes funds that Council (as designated federal recipient) receives/passes through to other transit entities



## TPP and CIP Priorities

### Maintain Current System

- Replace vehicles per fleet management plans
- Maintain & repair existing facilities

### Expansion

- Seek to meet 2030 goal of doubling ridership through:
  - Building Transitways
    - Central Corridor
    - Other Transitways
- Bus Expansion
  - Provide fleet and facilities expansion where demand exists or is anticipated

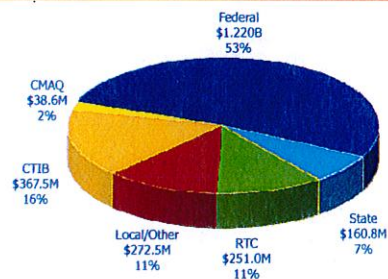
## Transit Capital Spending

Capital spending is about \$140-\$160 M annually (excluding major transitways)

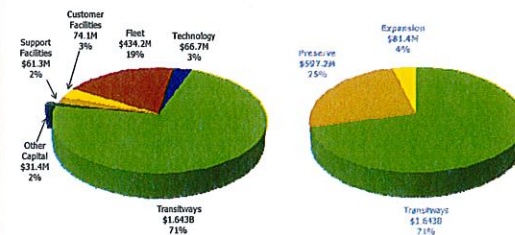
Spending primarily for fleet replacement, existing fleet and facility maintenance, park and rides, garages & other facilities, technology, limited expansion

Major transitway construction can more than double annual capital spending, i.e. Central Corridor will average \$200+ M per year

## 2013-2018 CIP Revenue Sources Total: \$2.31B – Includes CCLRT & SWLRT



## 2013-2018 CIP: \$2.31B Uses Includes CCLRT & SWLRT



Twin Cities Metropolitan Area


## Draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program



Transportation Advisory Board, May 15<sup>th</sup>


### What is a TIP?

- Four-year list of transportation projects funded in whole or part with Federal funding
- Must include all projects funded with federal transportation funds and projects that affect air quality prioritized by year
- "Regional Capital Improvement Program" for use of federal transportation funds
- Required for all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Provides connection between regional planning and federal implementation assistance




### TIP Specifics

- Assures conformity with Clean Air Act Requirements
- Region revises and adopts annually
- TIP included in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) developed by MnDOT
- Key Responsibility of TAB: Prepare, Adopt and Maintain TIP
- Locally Elected Officials Must Program Federal Funds
- Regionally Selected STP, CMAQ, Transportation Alternatives Projects Included
- Amendments as Needed



### Key Criteria for TIP and Amendment Approvals


- Consistent with expected funding level – fiscally balanced TIP
- Consistent with regional transportation plan
- In conformity with Clean Air Act requirements
- Opportunity for public input



Twin Cities Transportation Capital Funding Process  
Percentage of Funding Source 2014-2017 TIP

	Federal Selection	Regional Solicitation Selection	MnDOT Metro Selection	Metro Transit & Other Providers Selection*
All Funding	1%	18%	44%	36%
Federal Funding	2%	24%	30%	44%

\*Transit includes New Starts funding

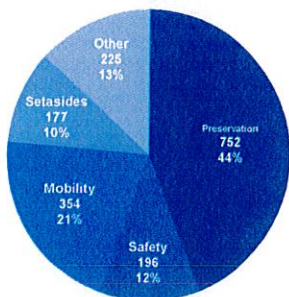


### Source of Funds 4-Year Summary

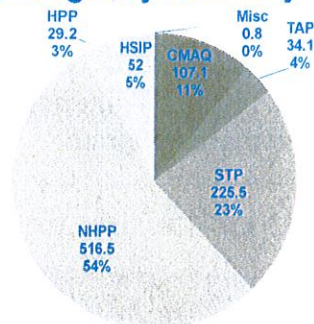
Source	Amount (Millions)	Percentage
Federal Highway	965	31%
Federal Transit	739	23%
Local and State Taxes	772	24%
State Trunk Highway	707	22%

Sections shown in millions  
Total – \$3.2 Billion

### Highway Funds Allocation by Work Type – Consistency with TPP



### Federal Highway Summary



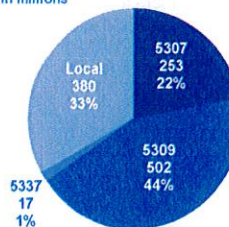
### Regional Solicitation

- Includes STP, CMAQ, TA projects for 2015 and 2016 from 2011 solicitation
- Example projects:
  - Brooklyn Park: \$11.2 M to reconstruct Hennepin County Highway 81 into multi-lane highway with median, multiuse trail
  - Scott County: \$8.4 M for reconstruction of County Hwy 17 as 4-lane highway w/ multi-use trail between Co Hwys 78 & 42
  - Edina: \$11.4 M for pedestrian/bicycle trail between Tracy, France Avenues
  - Limited stop transit service in Minneapolis, Richfield, Bloomington, St. Paul, Maplewood



### Federal Transit Summary

Sections shown in millions  
\$1.15 B total



### Schedule for 2014-2017 TIP

- TAB approves draft for public review – May 15, 2013
- Public hearing at TAB meeting – June 19, 2013
- Public review/comment period ends – June 28, 2013
- TAB considers comments, approval – August 21, 2013
- Transportation Committee – September 9, 2013
- Metropolitan Council concurrence – September 25, 2013
- MnDOT inclusion into STIP – September/October
- Federal approvals – By November 2013



### Questions

Heidi Schallberg  
Senior Planner  
[Heidi.Schallberg@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Heidi.Schallberg@metc.state.mn.us)  
651-602-1721



# Attachment C

- Public Hearing report.
- All public comments received during the public comment period.
- Memo with staff responses to the public comments.

## **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

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Wednesday, June 19, 2013

3:00 P.M.

### **Public Hearing on the DRAFT 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Transportation Advisory Board Chair William Hargis called the public hearing on the DRAFT 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area to order at 3:00 pm, June 19, 2013, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul. Chair Hargis invited members of the public to provide comments and ask questions.

#### Staff present:

Amy Vennewitz, MTS  
Heidi Schallberg, MTS  
BrieAnna Simon, MTS

Ryan Gaug, MnDOT  
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB

#### Attendees:

Kris Radford, KMR Design Group  
Shosh Dworsky, Citizen, Apple Valley  
Kathleen Murphy, Transit for Livable Communities  
Adam Duininck, Metropolitan Council District 8  
Gary Van Eyll, Metropolitan Council District 4  
Susan Moe, Federal Highway Administration  
Todd Olson, Association of Metropolitan Municipalities  
Peter Berglund, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

Ryan Gaug presented information on the amount of federal and state funds that are allocated statewide by MnDOT and the investment philosophy that guides the allocation. Mr. Gaug described the Metro District transportation investments by program for fiscal year 2017, the first year affected by the Metro District investment outcomes for all four years of the TIP and highlighted major projects in the Program.

Kevin Roggenbuck described how the TIP is developed and which organizations program transportation funds in the TIP. Mr. Roggenbuck also described how the TIP is prepared and adopted, including the public involvement process, and finally approved by the US Department of Transportation.

Amy Vennewitz presented information on the amount of federal funds that are allocated toward transit projects in the metro area by the Metropolitan Council. Ms. Vennewitz described the different federal sources of funds and described the council's capital planning process. Ms. Vennewitz highlighted several major transit projects programmed in the TIP, including federal New Starts funding for the Southwest light rail transit line.

Comments and Questions from the public in attendance:

Kathleen Murphy, Transit for Livable Communities, expected that the Southwest light rail transit line would start in 2014 and commented on the delay in funding and implementation of the Southwest light rail transit line. Transit for Livable Communities has been lobbying the Governor's office and legislators to begin construction in 2014 but without success.

Ms. Vennewitz responded: Met Council is working with the federal government, currently in Preliminary Engineering, and is fully funded with local funds, the project is not delayed. What you see in the TIP is when the Council first expects to receive federal funds. Once the Council gets approval to enter the construction phase, the the federal government will commit funding and be received in 2016.

Heidi Schallberg described what the TIP is and explained the four federal requirements that must be met in preparing the TIP and the schedule for adoption and approval. Ms. Schallberg described the percentage of federal funds and total funds that are programmed in the TIP by the Metropolitan Council, Minnesota Department of Transportation and the TAB.

Shosh Dworsky, resident of St. Paul: Said she is excited about bus service between the MSP Airport and the Apple Valley transit center and asked whether it would help get her to work in Northfield.

Ms. Schallberg responded: The Cedar Avenue bus rapid transit line will serve Apple Valley and is scheduled to open on June 22, but also asked for her contact information to more directly answer her question.

Kris Radford, KMR Design Group: Encouraged de-bundling of work on large transportation projects for small women and minority landscape businesses.

Mr. Hargis responded: MnDOT and Council staff has heard you and will pass that comment along to those developing large transportation projects.

Those present were reminded of the public comment period and encouraged to submit their comments as directed on the Metro Council website.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hargis adjourned the public hearing on the DRAFT 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area at 3:45 pm on Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

Respectfully submitted: Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Transportation Coordinator

# Transportation Advisory Board: Public Hearing

The public may comment at the public hearing on the draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. If you are interested in providing comment, please provide your name, the name of the organization you represent, (if applicable) in the space below.

Name:	KRIS RADFORD - kris@kmrdesigngroupmn.com.
Organization, if applicable:	KMR Design Group
Agenda item to address:	De-Bundle projects for small business Public data base Mandatory goals (wMBE)

Name:	Shosh Dworsky <del>St Paul to</del> <sup>St Paul to</sup> <del>sdworsky@carleton.edu</del>
Organization, if applicable:	651-485-1243
Agenda item to address:	Transit from Apple Valley to Northfield →

Name:	
Organization, if applicable:	
Agenda item to address:	



**Minnesota Department of Transportation**

**Metropolitan District**

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June 28, 2013

William Hargis, Chair  
Transportation Advisory Board  
Metropolitan Council  
390 North Robert Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mr. Hargis:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has worked closely with the staff of the Metropolitan Council and the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in development of the draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). As part of our normal process, several minor changes have occurred since that time, including end-of-year changes affecting a number of individual projects.

The attached tables identify the individual proposed changes to the draft 2014-2017 TIP. These changes are, for the most part, end of fiscal year balancing changes, and projects shifting among years of the TIP along with any additions or deletions. In addition to changes in these tables, some changes have been made to "Advance Construction" and "Advance Construction" paybacks due to projects moving between years of the TIP, and actual project letting costs have been updated.

With the proposed changes, we believe that the TIP remains fiscally balanced in the first two years, and generally balanced in the remaining years. These proposed changes do not affect the air quality conformity analysis of the TIP, as we have discussed with staff of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Metropolitan Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2014-2017 TIP for the Twin Cities area by providing these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott McBride".

Scott McBride, P.E.  
Metro District Engineer

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Cc:

Arlene McCarthy – Met Council

Carl Ohrn – Met Council

Heidi Schallberg – Met Council

Kevin Roggenbuck – Met Council

Karl Keel – City of Bloomington

Susan Moe - FHWA

Innocent Eyoh – MnDOT

Mark Gieseke – MnDOT

Marv Lunceford – MnDOT

Pat Bursaw – MnDOT

Brian Isaacson - MnDOT

Cindy Krumsieg - MnDOT

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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO TWIN CITIES DRAFT TIP 2014-2017**

June 28, 2013

**CHANGES Since the April 2013 Draft TIP**

**Projects Deferred**

Table	Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Deferral Year	AQ
A-14	238-591-002	City	**SRTS IN** Safe Routes To School - Infrastructure (Construct Trail) Co Rd 144 To Rogers Middle School (2008 Program)	171,500	2013 to 2014	AQ2
A-14	127-591-002	Ped/Bike	**SRTS** CE And Construct Infrastructure Improvements At Three Schools In Fridley	94,040	2013 to 2014	AQ2
A-14	141-591-004	Ped/Bike	**SRTS IN** Safe Routes To School - Signing, Bike Racks, Pavement Markings In Minneapolis	63,000	2013 to 2014	AQ2
A-14	019-642-044	CSAH 42	**MN223** At TH 52 Interchange In Rosemount-Right Of Way For Reconstruction Of Interchange (Safetea-Lu)	11,000,000	2013 to 2014	E3
A-14	019-642-045	CSAH 42	**MN223** At TH 52 Interchange In Rosemount-Preliminary Engineering For Reconstruction Of Interchange (Safetea-Lu)	375,000	2013 to 2014	E3
A-14	027-619-023	Ped/Bike	Along Hennepin CSAH 19 In Hanover-Construct Bit Ped/Bike Trail	618,000	2013 to 2014	AQ2
A-14	8221-01A (was 8214-114CC)	MN 36	**MN217** St Croix River X-Ing At Stillwater-(MN)TH 36/(WI) TH 64-Design, Mitigation Implementation, Construct, & Acquire RW (Safetea-Lu) (Being Used As Part Of 8221-01 Construction)	4,039,171	2013 to 2014	A20
A-5	6284-157	I35W	At Ramsey CSAH 96 (Cty Rd G) Over I35W In Arden Hills/New Brighton-Redeck Bridge 9577, Approach Panel Work, Guardrail	925,000	2014 to 2015	S19
A-5	2785-330	I494	**ELLA**AC**From N Of I394 In Minnetonka To I94/I494/I694 Interchange In Maple Grove - Unbonded Concrete Overlay, CPR, Right Side Dynamic Shoulder, Signing, Striping, Drainage, TMS, Noise Walls, Redeck And Widen Bridges 27973, 27974, 27975, 27976, 27977, 27978, And Redeck Bridge 27905(AC Project, Payback In 2016)	61,600,000	2014 to 2015	A20
A-8	6284-162	I35W	At Ramsey County Rd H (T.C. Arsenal Entrance) In Arden Hills - Replace Bridge #9582 And Ramp Reconstruction	6,470,000	2015 to 2016	S19
A-5	2785-330AC	I494	**AC** From N Of I394 In Minnetonka To I94/I494/I694 Interchange In Maple Grove - Unbonded Concrete Overlay, CPR, Right Side Dynamic Shoulder, Signing, Striping, Drainage, TMS, Noise Walls, Redeck And Widen Bridges 27973, 27974, 27975, 27976, 27977, 27978, And Redeck Bridge 27905(AC Payback 1 Of 1)	31,654,000	2015 to 2016	A20
A-9	6212-148	MN 36	**ADA** Over Lexington Avenue In Roseville-Replace Bridge 5723 And Approaches, Signals, TMS, ADA, Guardrail, Storm Sewer And Ponds	13,600,000	2015 to 2016	S19

**Project Deletions**

Table	Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Deleted From	AQ
A-8	1985-139	I494	At MN 149 (North And South Ramps) In Mendota Heights - Replace Signal Systems	375,000	2015	E2
A-4	8214-114CCAC1	MN 36	**MN217**AC*St Croix River X-Ing At Stillwater-(MN)TH 36/(WI) TH 64-Design, Mitigation Implementation, Construct, & Acquire RW (Safetea-Lu)(AC Payback 1 Of 2)	2,500,000	2015	A20
A-6	82-00143	RR	CP RR, Washington CSAH 9, Keystone Ave In Hugo-Install Gates	250,000	2016	S8
A-4	8214-114CCAC2	MN 36	**MN217**AC**St Croix River X-Ing At Stillwater-(MN)TH 36/(WI) TH 64-Design, Mitigation Implementation, Construct, & Acquire RW (Safetea-Lu)(AC Payback 2 Of 2)	1,437,808	2016	A20
A-5	8221-01AC2	MN 36	**AC**Over St Croix River Near Stillwater & Oak Park Heights-New Bridge Over St. Croix River, Including Ramps On & Off TH 95 (AC Payback 2 Of 3)	33,000,000	2016	A20
A-8	880M-BI-16	MN 999	Metro Setaside For Bridge Improvement Projects For FY 2016	3,875,000	2016	NC
A-1	107-030-005AC	City	**AC**Airport South District In Bloomington-Installation & Expansion Of Its Wayfinding Technology To Relieve Congestion On 24th Ave, Lindau Lane And Killebrew Lane Entering From I-494, TH77 & TH5 (AC Payback 1 Of 1)	118,774	2017	O8
A-2	019-090-011AC	Ped/Bike	**AC**Through The Western Portion Of The Spring Lk Park Reserve-Construct Miss River Reg Trial (AC Payback 1 Of 1)	201,639	2017	AQ2
A-5	8221-01AC3	MN 36	**AC**Over St Croix River Near Stillwater & Oak Park Heights-New Bridge Over St. Croix River, Including Ramps On & Off TH 95 (AC Payback 3 Of 3)	4,320,000	2017	A20

**Advanced Projects**

Table	Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Advance From	AQ
A-6	070-602-020	CSAH 2	**AC**At Scott CSAH 46 In New Market-Roundabout (AC Project, Payback In FY15)	1,485,000	2015 to 2014	E1
A-3	062-631-015	Local 999	On Maryland Ave And Approaches Between L'Orient St And Jackson St In St Paul-Reconstruct Bridge #62525 (AC Project, Payback In 2015)	935,000	2015 to 2014	S19

A-3	195-010-011	MN 55	**AC**From The MN149 North Intersection Through The MN149 South Intersection-Expansion To A 6-Lane Roadway Including Traffic Signals, And Construction Of A Multi-Use Trail (AC Project, Payback In FY15) (Tied To 1909-95)	3,544,130	2015 to 2014	A20
A-5	2734-33	MN 100	**AB**AC**From 36th St To Cedar Lake Rd In St. Louis Park - Replace Bridges 5308(27303), 5309 (New Ped Bridge 27304), 5462(27305), 5598(27306), Overlay And Joint Replacement Bridge 27109, Reconstruct Main Line Pavement And Interchanges Including Constructing Auxilliary Lanes And Noise Walls (AC Project, Payback In 2015)	46,800,000	2015 to 2014	A20
A-4	2771-102RW (was 2771-3851A)	MN 610	**MN211** Extension Of 105th Ave To W Of I94 In Maple Grove-Right Of Way (Safetea-Lu)	2,107,164	2015 to 2014	A20
A-8	2772-102	US 169	Over US212/MN62 In Eden Prairie/Edina-Redeck Bridges 27079 And 27080, New Approach Panels (Tied To 2772-91)	2,125,000	2016 to 2014	S19
A-8	1982-171	I35E	On South Side From N Of Deerwood Dr To Just NE Of Fawn Way In Eagan - Noise Wall	715,000	2016 to 2015	O4
A-5	2734-33AC	MN 100	**AC**From 36th St To Cedar Lake Rd In St. Louis Park - Replace Bridges 5308(27303), 5309(New Ped Bridge 27304), 5462(27305), 5598(27306), Overlay And Joint Replacement Bridge 27109, Reconstruct Main Line Pavement And Interchanges Including Constructing Auxilliary Lanes And Noise Walls (AC Payback 1 Of 1)	3,800,000	2016 to 2015	A20

**Additions - New Projects Added since the Draft 2014-2017 TIP**

Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Added To
141-591-008	Ped/Bike	**SRTS** Infrastructure Minneapolis, CE And Construction For Bike Storage And Ped/Bike Improvements Around Lucy Craft Laney School	254,710	2014
SRS-9064-13A	Ped/Bike	**SRTS** Non-Infra, Mpls Public Schools; Grant To Hire A SRTS Coordinator, Purchase A District-Wide Bicycle Fleet, And Provide Education And Encouragement Activities In The Schools	96,000	2014

Proj. No.	Route	Description	Total Cost	Added To
SRS-9086-13	Ped/Bike	<b>**SRTS**</b> Non-Infra, South Washington County Schools; Grant To Hire A SRTS Coordinator To Assist The SRTS School Teams, Purchase Safety Equipment And Training For School Safety Patrols, Purchase Incentives For Students, And Pay For SRTS Campaign Materials	62,000	2014
SRS-9087-13	Ped/Bike	<b>**SRTS**</b> Non-Infra, Columbia Heights Public Schools; Grant To Provide Access To Bicycles And Bicycle Education Through The Purchase Of A Bike Fleet, Bike Maintenance Training For Staff And Students, And Tools For Bicycle Repair	12,000	2014
TRF-TCMT-14AJ	BB	Sect 5307: Twin Cities Met Council Mt-Overhaul Base Renovation And Maintenance Shop	1,700,000	2014
TRF-TCMT-14BC	BB	Sect 5307: Twin Cities Met Council Mt-Dt Mpls Light Rail North Platform At Nicollet Mall Station	1,600,000	2014
TRF-TCMT-14T	BB	Sect 5307: Twin Cities Met Council Mt-New Police Facility	12,000,000	2014
107-090-008	Ped/Bike	Minnesota River Crossing At The Old Cedar Ave Bridge Project In Bloomington-Multimodal Crossing (\$3M In Other Is Bonds And \$9M In Other Is TIF)	14,000,000	2014
1980-87	I35	At Dakota CSAH 46 (162nd St W) And 70 (210th St W) In Lakeville - Landscaping And Living Snow Fence	200,000	2014
8221-82047A	MN 36	At MN Ramp Bridges 82047 And 82048 - Early Materials For HP Piling And Pile Tips (As Part Of The St. Croix River Crossing Project) (Chapter 152 Bridge Bonds)	875,000	2014
6284-171 (broken out from 6284-163)	I35W	At Ramsey CSAH 12 (CR F) In Arden Hills/New Brighton - Replace Bridge 9599 And Approaches, Guardrail, Ped/Bike Trail	3,155,000	2015
1917-44	MN 149	<b>**ADA**</b> ELLA**From N Jct Mn55/149 To S End Of Bridge 19857 Over I494 In Eagan-4 To 5 Lane Expansion, Mill & Overlay, Trail, ADA, Signals, Drainage (Tied To 195-010-010)	845,000	2015
27-00312	RR	CP, Valley Lane, MSAS 144, In Edina-Upgrade To Gates	250,000	2016
880M-RS-17	MN 999	Metro Setaside For Resurfacing & Reconditioning Projects On NHS For FY 2017	975,000	2017

Kevin Roggenbuck,

Here are Hennepin County Transportation comments on the Draft 2014 - 2017 TIP. One project (CSAH 53 – 027-653-021) has a minor description correction to make it consistent with the approved project application description. All the projects CSAH 5 (027-605-029), CSAH 61 (027-661-046), CSAH 53 (027-653-021) and CSAH 81 (027-681-034) CSAH 135 (027-735-003) have cost changes due to refinements in estimating the project cost, not changes in project scope. The bridge project estimate for CSAH 135 (027-735-003) is for bridge construction only and excludes R/W and related work beyond the abutments such as roadway approaches. The total change in project costs do not trigger the need for a TIP/STIP amendment based on FHWA and MnDOT guidance for STIP amendments and administrative modifications. Changes are shown in **BOLD**. All additional costs are shown as non-federal. Please accept these construction estimate changes pending review by staff as to how they might affect the project’s ranking in the regional solicitation.

Draft Tip Comments

Table A3 Agency	Route	Project #	Prog	Description	Current TIP <i>Refined estimate</i> <i>% change</i>	FHWA	Other
A-12 Hennepin	CSAH 5	027-605-029	BR	Hennepin CSAH5 (Franklin Ave) over W River Rd & Mississippi River-recondition BR 2441	21,000,000 <b>23,653,000</b> <b>13%</b>	8,320,000	12,680,000  <b>15,333,000</b>
A-12 Hennepin	CSAH 61	027-661-046	RC	From CSAH 3 (Excelsior Blvd) to N of TH 7 in Hopkins & Minnetonka-upgrade to a 4-lane rdwy. Intersection improvements (tied to 2706-235)	12,000,000  <b>13,000,000</b> <b>8%</b>	7,280,000	4,720,000  <b>5,720,000</b>
A-13 Hennepin	CSAH 135	027-735-003	BR	On CSAH 135 (Tonkawa Rd) over the Maxwell Channel of Lake Minnetonka in Orono – replace Bridge #90621	990,000 <b>1,072,000</b> <b>8%</b>	792,000	198,000  <b>280,000</b>
A-16 Hennepin	CSAH 53	027-653-021	RD	<b>From just west of Washburn Ave to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave in Richfield reconstruct to a similar roadway to the existing on the west end and to 3-lanes on the east</b>	16,800,000 <b>19,700,000</b> <b>17%</b>	7,840,000	8,960,000  <b>11,860,000</b>
A-16 Hennepin	CSAH 81	027-681-034	RC	From N of 63 <sup>rd</sup> Ave N to N of CSAH 8 in Brooklyn Park-reconstruct to a multi-lane divided roadway including concrete median and a multi-use trail	11,200,000 <b>13,350,000</b> <b>19%</b>	7,840,000	3,360,000  <b>5,510,000</b>

June 28, 2013

**Roggenbuck, Kevin**

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**From:** Hager, Jenifer A [Jenifer.Hager@minneapolismn.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2013 8:22 AM  
**To:** Schallberg, Heidi  
**Cc:** Elwood, Don R.; Yuzna, Jack S.  
**Subject:** Re: Draft TIP comments

Heidi,

Below are Minneapolis comments regarding two of our projects in the draft TIP. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding these. We've provided both the total project cost and construction only cost as well.

Thanks Much.  
Jeni

STP 2014 141-454-001 Replace BR90664  
Total cost = \$27,100,000 (const only \$23,000,000) Local share = \$18,140,000 (const only \$14,040,000)

STP 2015 141-328-004 BR2796  
Total cost = \$11,700,000 (const only \$7,500,000) Local share = \$8,330,700 (const only \$4,130,700)

In both cases there is no change to the federal funding share.

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 25, 2013, at 9:12 AM, "Schallberg, Heidi" <[Heidi.Schallberg@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Heidi.Schallberg@metc.state.mn.us)> wrote:

> Thanks!  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Hager, Jenifer A [<mailto:Jenifer.Hager@minneapolismn.gov>]  
> Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 7:27 PM  
> To: Schallberg, Heidi  
> Subject: Re: Draft TIP comments  
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> Got it!  
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> Thank you.  
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> Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID  
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> "Schallberg, Heidi" <[Heidi.Schallberg@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Heidi.Schallberg@metc.state.mn.us)> wrote:  
>  
> Jenifer, sorry I missed your call about sending comments on the draft TIP last week - I was out of the office Thursday and Friday. The city can email the comments to me or to [public.info@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:public.info@metc.state.mn.us) <<mailto:public.info@metc.state.mn.us>> by this Friday the 28th. Since you indicated you will be out this week, I'll also call the dept tomorrow to see if I can get this info to someone in the office.  
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> Thanks,  
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> Heidi Schallberg, aicp  
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# COUNTY OF ANOKA

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June 28, 2013

Mr. Kevin Roggenbuck  
TAB Coordinator  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street North  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Draft 2014-2017 TIP

Dear Mr. Roggenbuck:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the 2014 -2017 TIP and to make comments on the program as a whole. Surface transportation policies at the regional and state levels have a direct impact on the quality of life that our residents enjoy, as well as direct impacts to the growth and economic vitality of Anoka County. Your report states that 60 percent of new households and 45 percent of new employment opportunities will be in developing areas, which describes much of Anoka County. However, with this new growth come new challenges. Our transportation systems are being asked to carry more traffic and we, along with our local communities, are asked to convey more of the burden of transportation funding for routes that have major state and regional significance.

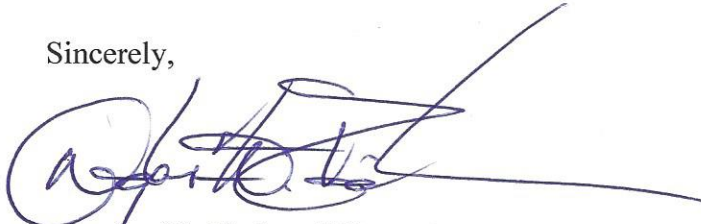
With this being said, it is concerning that when a resident of the metro region who resides in Anoka County looks at this plan he will see that significant inequalities are apparent. The lack of major projects in Anoka County is concerning. But for the STP and HSIP projects that Anoka County has directly competed for and garnered, there is a complete absence of projects in Anoka County. Unless we are reading this document incorrectly, how can it be that Anoka County will receive only one minor project in the NHPP program, and no projects in the CMAQ and TAP funding categories? These three programs represent over \$1 billion in investments for the metropolitan area but practically none of it is being spent in Anoka County. Anoka County represents 14.4% (2,364 miles) of the roadway miles in the 7-county metro area and carries 11.2% (8.2 million daily VMT) of the traffic volume. While the funding splits of the STP (8.78%) and HSIP (5.21%) are somewhat reflective of an equitable regional split, the lack of funding through the other programs is very disturbing.

*Mr. Kevin Roggenbuck*  
*June 28, 2013*  
*Page 2 of 2*

It is our hope therefore, that as the region implements the new MAP-21 legislation and sets regional priorities, it continues to allow a fair and robust competition for these funds, and for those funds that a solely at the discretion of MnDOT, TAB or the Metropolitan Council, that a fair and equitable distribution is made across the entire metro area including Anoka County.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft 2014-2017 TIP. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Douglas W. Fischer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas W. Fischer, P.E.  
County Engineer

Encl.

# Funding Summary

	METRO	MnDOT/State	% Per Category	ANOKA	% Per Category	RAMSEY	% Per Category	WASHINGTON	% Per Category	CARVER	% Per Category	HENNEPIN	% Per Category	DAKOTA	% Per Category	SCOTT	% Per Category
<b>POPULATION (2010)</b>	2,876,123			357,400	12.43%	508,640	17.68%	238,136	8.28%	91,042	3.17%	1,152,425	40.07%	398,552	13.86%	129,928	4.52%
<i>Funds Available 2014-2017</i>																	
<b>STP</b>	\$ 324,700,000.00	\$ 187,411,311.00	57.72%	\$ 28,496,560.00	8.78%	\$ 4,265,896.00	1.31%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 11,211,500.00	3.45%	\$ 63,800,000.00	19.65%	\$ 16,314,733.00	5.02%	\$ 13,200,000.00	4.07%
<b>HSIP</b>	\$ 58,500,000.00	\$ 50,287,016.00	85.96%	\$ 3,046,000.00	5.21%	\$ 2,863,951.00	4.90%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 55,000.00	0.09%	\$ 1,878,750.00	3.21%	\$ 369,283.00	0.63%
<b>CMAQ</b>	\$ 145,100,000.00	\$ 2,500,000.00	1.72%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 1,673,100.00	1.15%	\$ -	0.00%
<b>NHPP</b>	\$ 890,000,000.00		0.00%	\$ 9,330,000.00	1.05%	\$ 175,045,000.00	19.67%	\$ 3,130,000.00	0.35%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 204,907,341.00	23.02%	\$ 6,070,000.00	0.68%	\$ 6,430,000.00	0.72%
<b>TAP</b>	\$ 48,000,000.00	\$ 37,665,406.00	78.47%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 1,442,320.00	3.00%	\$ 2,468,000.00	5.14%	\$ 757,900.00	1.58%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 6,834,374.00	14.24%	\$ 1,300,000.00	2.71%
Total funding available	<b>\$ 1,466,300,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 277,863,733.00</b>		<b>\$ 40,872,560.00</b>	2.79%	<b>\$ 183,617,167.00</b>	12.52%	<b>\$ 5,598,000.00</b>	0.38%	<b>\$ 11,969,400.00</b>	0.82%	<b>\$ 268,762,341.00</b>	18.33%	<b>\$ 32,770,957.00</b>	2.23%	<b>\$ 21,299,283.00</b>	1.45%
<b>Funding Summary Tabulation</b>																	
Total funding received				\$ 40,872,560.00	2.79%	\$ 183,617,167.00	12.52%	\$ 5,598,000.00	0.38%	\$ 11,969,400.00	0.82%	\$ 268,762,341.00	18.33%	\$ 32,770,957.00	2.23%	\$ 21,299,283.00	1.45%
Funding per Lane mile				\$ 8,036.29		\$ 40,677.26		\$ 1,374.75		\$ 5,377.09		\$ 22,294.68		\$ 5,796.07		\$ 7,790.52	
Funding per person				\$ 114.36		\$ 361.00		\$ 23.51		\$ 131.47		\$ 233.21		\$ 82.23		\$ 163.93	
<b>Lane Miles (Total)</b>				5,086		4,514		4,072		2,226		12,055		5,654		2,734	
<b>Interstate, US-TH, MN-TH</b>				370		560		445		250		1,215		694		268	

\*Does not include  
St. Croix Bridge



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June 27, 2013

Kevin Roggenbuck  
Metropolitan Council  
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RE: TIP Public Comment

Dear Mr. Roggenbuck:

The purpose of this letter is to provide Scott County comment on the proposed 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The County has reviewed the TIP in relation to our own planning and budget. The County provides the following comments:

1. Scott County has programmed Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP) SP 070-602-020 (roundabout at CSAH 2 and CSAH 46) for construction in 2014 to coincide with a 2014 Dakota County project (SP 019-609-018). Scott County requests the HSIP funding to be advanced from 2015 to 2014. If it is not possible to move the funds to 2014, the County requests to Advance Construct this HSIP project in 2014. We request this change is reflected in the final TIP.
2. In the description for project 7005-106, under 100% State Funded Project in 2016, the eastern project limit should be revised to CSAH 21 instead of CSAH 18. The County redesignated a portion of CSAH 18 as CSAH 21 when a new segment of CSAH 21 opened to traffic in 2011.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed TIP. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mitchell J. Rasmussen P.E.  
County Engineer



**Public Works Department**

Donald J. Theisen, P.E.  
Director

Wayne H. Sandberg, P.E.  
Deputy Director/County Engineer

June 25, 2013

Kevin Roggenbuck  
Metropolitan Council Chambers  
390 Robert Street North  
St. Paul Mn

**RE: Metropolitan Council Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014-2017  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Dear Mr. Roggenbuck

Washington County has received the public notice that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) of the Metropolitan Council will hold a public hearing on June 19, 2013, to receive public comments on the proposed 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Washington County has participated in this program that includes highway, transit, bikeway and pedestrian enhancements, and air quality projects that are proposed for federal funding in the seven-county metropolitan area in the next four years.

The county has reviewed the proposed TIP for conformance and found it consistent with the current Washington County Comprehensive Plan 2030. However, the county has not been successful in obtaining STP funding for a number of projects that were of regional significance. Currently, there are two identified Washington County projects in the TIP which include:

**2014 082-090006** Right-of-Way Acquisition and Trail Improvements in the City of Hugo for the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Extension

**2015 082-090-005** Trail Improvements for the Point Douglas Regional from US 61 to US 10 in Demark Township

Washington County will continue to work with the Metropolitan Council on updating the regional policy plans in the next few years and look forward to implementing highway, transit, bikeway and air quality projects that not only benefit Washington County but the Metropolitan Region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Sandberg".

Wayne Sandberg  
County Engineer

Cc: Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner

**Roggenbuck, Kevin**

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**From:** Gustafson, Mary  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2013 1:35 PM  
**To:** 'Krumsteg, Cynthia (DOT)'; Schallberg, Heidi  
**Cc:** Isaacson, Brian (DOT); Lunceford, Marv (DOT)  
**Subject:** RE: 3 transit projects coming for 2014-17 TIP  
**Attachments:** Additions to 2014-2017 ATIP - Metropolitan Council - 6-24-2013.xlsx

**Importance:** High

Greetings,

Attached is the STIP template with the four (4) projects.

One project – the first one – is actually already in the 2014-2017 draft ATIP but doesn't have enough funding in the line. I discovered this on Friday.

The other three are projects that were supposed to be done this year but because of lack of NEPA authorization were not able to be applied for from FTA. So, two were actually deleted when I did the draft 2014-2017 STIP in February 2013 because I thought they were going to be done in 2013. The final one which shows a project # of NEW is truly a new project that was in our Capital Improvement Plan and would have needed a STIP amendment in 2013 but now has to wait until 2014 for NEPA.

Please call me with your questions, Cindy and Marv!! ☺

Best regards,

Mary

Mary A. Gustafson  
Grants Manager  
Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit  
Phone: 612-349-7603  
Fax: 612-349-7503

Metro District Data Input Worksheet STIP 2013-16										Federal Target	State Target	Fed + State Target	Fed + State Actual	Federal Formula	Federal Target	State Funds	YEAR	# of Projects	STIP Total	FHWA EARMARK	Other FHWA	Target FHWA	Dist C FHWA	Total FHWA	HPP & Other FHWA AC	Target AC	Dist C AC	Total AC	HPP & Other FHWA AC Payback	Target AC Payback	Dist C AC Payback	Total AC Payback	FTA	FTA EARMARK	State TH	Dist C TH			
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For Mary Gustafson to use for 2014-2017 STIP projects										231.0	142.3	373.3	0	0	231.0	0	2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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*Adding Quality to Life*

June 11, 2013

Metropolitan Council  
Mears Park Centre  
230 East Fifth Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101-1634

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) request for comments on the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). My comments are specific to the I-494 Unbonded Concrete Overlay and Right Side Dynamic Shoulder (referred to as S.P. 2785-330 by MnDOT) project included in the program. This project is very important to Plymouth, the community that I represent as mayor.

While the City Council is disappointed that MnDOT has not included a project for I-494 that reflects a general purpose third lane, we are fully aware of the fiscal limitations they have for a project of this magnitude. We also appreciate MnDOT's efforts to work within those constraints and support any capacity improvements on I-494.

For your information I have attached a copy of the City's 2010 comments on the Metropolitan Council's Regional 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

Sincerely,

Kelli Slavik  
Mayor

cc: Ms. Roxanne Smith  
Metropolitan Council District 1  
390 Robert Street North  
St. Paul, MN 55101





*Adding Quality to Life*

September 20, 2010

Metropolitan Council  
Mears Park Centre  
230 East Fifth Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101-1634

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the Metropolitan Council's request for comments on the Regional 2030 Transportation Policy Plan. My comments are specific to the I-494 Third Lane Addition (referred to as S.P. 2785-330 by MnDOT) project included in the plan. This project is very important to Plymouth, the community that I represent as mayor.

#### **The Project in Historical Context**

Because I-494 goes from three to two lanes through Plymouth, causing bottleneck congestion, adding a third lane has been a priority of the Plymouth City Council for many years. Beginning in 2005, former Council Member Sandy Hewitt and staff represented the City of Plymouth on various working committees that were charged with developing a plan to add a third lane on I-494 from TH 55 to Fish Lake Road in Maple Grove.

As the planning of that project progressed, so did the magnitude of the improvements. In 2006, the debate had evolved to whether the improvements to I-494 should include three lanes in each direction or four. As the project scope grew, so did the price tag. The estimated cost was about \$245 million. MnDOT ultimately determined that a project of this magnitude was unaffordable. Consequently, the project was shelved.

In late 2008, MnDOT advised the City of Plymouth that it was developing a smaller scale, low cost/high impact improvement for I-494 in Plymouth (see attached Project Summary).

On February 17, 2009, city staff members and I met with MnDOT representatives to discuss the specifics of their proposal. It was a project that MnDOT was enthusiastic about. We were encouraged to hear that the proposal, which had a dramatically lower cost of \$43 million, would yield exceptionally high returns in terms of easing congestion. We were also pleased to hear that the project could be shovel-ready for additional stimulus funding as soon as 2012.



In January 2010, MnDOT staff met with city staff and me. We learned that MnDOT had changed course. Instead of the \$43 million project presented in February 2009, MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council were considering the I-494 lane addition as a strong candidate for a “managed lane.” This came as a surprise to us given the historical context provided above.

We subsequently met with area appointed and elected officials as well as staff from the Metropolitan Council and MnDOT to discuss the managed lane concept. During that meeting it became clear that whether a managed lane made sense for this stretch of I-494 was secondary to getting a jump start on a managed lane system for the metro as a whole. At this meeting we heard statements like, “We will never have a managed lane system if we don’t start now” as the reasoning behind this proposal. We were advised by MnDOT not to make up our mind about the managed lane until further analysis was done.

### **Comments on Proposed I-494 Managed Lane**

It is with this historical context as a backdrop that I offer the following comments on your plan:

- **Page 93, Table 6-32:** “Lower-Cost/High-Benefit Projects Recently Completed/Under Development” fails to include the \$43 million option proposed by MnDOT in 2009 despite its findings that the project has an extremely high benefit/cost ratio.
- **Page 96, Figure 6-34:** “Managed Lane System Vision” identifies the interchange of I-494 and I-394, a managed corridor already in place, as “Through Movement Only” rather than “Direct Connection.” This seems to contradict the statement on page 98 of your plan that “...opportunities for new managed lanes will be sought with the objective to grow and builds upon and connects to managed corridors already in place...”
- **Page 97, Table 6-35:** “Managed Lane Vision Projects” identifies Corridor I-494 A as adding a left MnPASS lane at a cost of \$61 million. It seems that this conclusion has been arrived at despite there being no additional analysis that I am aware of.
- **Page 99, Table 6-36:** “Expansion Projects Reassessed” and **Page 100, Figure 6-37:** “Expansion Projects to be Reassessed” identify the previous \$245 million project on I-494 as an expansion project that should be reassessed. Both are silent to the \$43 million option proposed by MnDOT in 2009 despite its findings that it has an extremely high benefit/cost ratio. This conflicts with page 101 of the plan, which state, “Particular emphasis has been placed in the reassessment process to identify lower-cost/high-benefit improvements.”
- **Page 102, Table 6-38:** “TPP Major Project Funding Recommendations” identifies the I-494 managed lane project as funded in the 2021-2030 timeframe, provided the funding scenario in Table 6-29 is achieved. This funding scenario assumes supplemental funding in addition to formula funds. The timing and funding uncertainty is disconcerting given the history of this project as identified above.

In conclusion, in 2010 the Plymouth City Council adopted the following goal:

**“Promote Transportation Solutions.** Advance transportation and transit solutions to improve the local economy, promote business growth and development, and improve area roadways and highways to reduce commuter congestion. Focus on maintaining suburban transit and advancing the following projects: third lane on I-494, study of Highway 169 between I-494 and I-94, and improvements to Highway 55.”

This has long been a goal of ours, and we will continue to strive to achieve it. We believe that greater consideration should be given to the lower cost option proposed by MnDOT in 2009 and that consideration be given to advancing that project so that construction can begin as soon as possible.

Based on MnDOT’s own assessment, this is a lower cost/extremely high benefit project that would ease congestion sooner rather than later. It would also not treat this relatively short segment of I-494 in Plymouth differently than it has been treated on either side of our community.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We encourage you to reassess instituting the concept of a managed lane “mid-stream” on I-494 in Plymouth, and instead look for areas where it will better integrate with the existing freeway system.

Sincerely,

Kelli Slavik  
Mayor

cc: Mr. Roger Scherer  
Metropolitan Council District 1  
390 Robert Street North  
St. Paul, MN 55101

**Roggenbuck, Kevin**

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**From:** O'Connell, Pat on behalf of PublicInfo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2013 8:11 AM  
**To:** Schallberg, Heidi  
**Subject:** FW: I494 Widening

**From:** [unterseher@aol.com](mailto:unterseher@aol.com) [<mailto:unterseher@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2013 2:44 PM  
**To:** PublicInfo  
**Subject:** I494 Widening

I am writing to strongly support the road project that will eventually widen I494 from I394 to the I694 split. This project needs to remain high on any priority of work project list and be completed without further delay or reduction in funding/prioritization.

The Twin Cities cannot continue to live with this bottleneck to both morning and evening traffic. Any honest evaluation will certainly show how the current traffic situation will continue to worsen traffic flow and certainly affect the quality of life and commute times in the Western suburbs..

Jim Unterseher  
763-449-8837

**Roggenbuck, Kevin**

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**From:** O'Connell, Pat on behalf of PublicInfo  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2013 7:59 AM  
**To:** Schallberg, Heidi  
**Subject:** FW: DRAFT 2014–2017 TIP Comment

**From:** Mukherjee, Amit [<mailto:Amit.Mukherjee@stockton.edu>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013 5:23 PM  
**To:** PublicInfo  
**Subject:** DRAFT 2014–2017 TIP Comment

I am writing in support of the proposal of a noise reduction barrier on I-494 North beyond I-394 in Plymouth (pages A-21 and A-23 of Appendix A of the Draft TIP 2014-17).

We bought in 2011 a newly constructed house in Plymouth on the west side of I-494. Even though the house is by no means adjacent to the highway (at a distance of 2 large houses and a marshland), we still hear highway I-494 noise constantly, particularly in the night and in the summer. We cannot use our deck- the noise is bothersome and we cannot go to sleep with our windows open. There are a number of houses in our neighborhood (our address 14420 10th Avenue North, 55447) and so this is definitely bothersome to many people-particularly the elderly and young children. Therefore, I urge the Metropolitan Council (or appropriate authority) to please construct an effective noise barrier on the West side of I-494 in Plymouth. If you need any further information, I can be reached at: 609-705-1492 and at this email address.

Best regards,  
Amit Mukherjee

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Amit Mukherjee, Ph.D.

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## Roggenbuck, Kevin

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**From:** O'Connell, Pat on behalf of PublicInfo  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013 7:56 AM  
**To:** Schallberg, Heidi  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment on 2014-2017 TIP for Twin Cities Metro Area

**From:** Brian Hayes [<mailto:BHayes@carlsoncaspers.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 3:31 PM  
**To:** PublicInfo  
**Subject:** Public Comment on 2014-2017 TIP for Twin Cities Metro Area

Hello,

I would like to request that a wall to reduce noise, as seen on many other roads in the metro area (e.g., I-494 south of I-394), be erected on the west side of I-494 from 394 north to the Highway 6 exit (or even to 694) - the noise from the highways is quite loud, and can be a significant detriment to our neighborhood and other neighborhoods' quality of life (I know of many other neighbors who also would like a wall installed).

I've reviewed the most recent draft TIP and note that MnDOT has included a potential project on I-494 from north of I-394 in Minnetonka to the I-94/494/694 interchange in Maple Grove (pages A-21 and A-23); I humbly submit that this would be an excellent use of resources.

The east side of this area is light industrial with some commercial, so it would not necessarily need a similar wall, enabling cost savings. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

Best regards,

Brian Hayes  
14410 10th Ave N  
(612) 599 1352  
[bhayes@ccvl.com](mailto:bhayes@ccvl.com)



# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**TO:** Metropolitan Area Transportation Stakeholders and Citizens:  
**FROM:** Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Transportation Coordinator  
**DATE:** July 16, 2013  
**RE:** Draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area: Report on public comments and staff recommendations.

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The Transportation Advisory Board held a 45-day public comment period on the draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program, beginning on May 15 and ending on June 28, 2013. All comments received at the public hearing held on June 19, 2013 are included in the public hearing report and all written comments received by the close of the public comment period are attached to this memo. Below is a summary of the comments received outside of the public hearing during the public comment period with staff response and recommendations.

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## COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### Brian Hayes, Resident, City of Plymouth

Staff received an email dated May 21, 2013 with the following comment:

Mr. Hayes requested construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-494 from I-394 north to the CSAH 6 exit or to I-694, noting that a potential project is listed in the draft TIP.

**Staff response and recommendation:** The project, SP# 2785-330, (I-494 unbonded concrete overlay and right side dynamic shoulder from I-394 to I-694/I-94 split) programmed in 2014 includes the construction of noise walls. The exact location of the noise walls will be determined during project development.

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### Jim Unterseher

Staff received an email dated May 21, 2013 with the following comment:

Mr. Unterseher expressed support for the road project that will eventually widen I-494 from I-394 to the I-694 split.

**Staff response and recommendation:** Staff assumes Mr. Unterseher is referring to SP# 2785-330, (I-494 unbonded concrete overlay and right side dynamic shoulder from I-394 to I-694/I-94 split) programmed in 2014. Staff thanks Mr. Unterseher for his support.

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### Amit Mukherjee, Resident, City of Plymouth

Staff received an email dated May 22, 2013 with the following comment:

Mr. Mukherjee expressed support for the construction of a noise barrier in I-494 beyond I-394 in Plymouth.

**Staff response and recommendation:** The draft 2014-2017 TIP includes SP# 2785-330, (I-494 unbonded concrete overlay and right side dynamic shoulder from I-394 to I-694/I-94 split) programmed in 2014. The project scope includes the construction of noise walls. The exact location of the noise walls will be determined during project development.

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Kelli Slavik, Mayor of Plymouth Minnesota

Staff received a letter dated June 11, 2013 and an attachment; a letter dated September 20, 2010 addressed to the Metropolitan Council, with the following comment:

Mayor Slavik stated that SP# 2785-330 (unbonded concrete overlay and right side dynamic shoulder from I-394 to I-694/I-94 split) is very important to the city of Plymouth. The city council was disappointed that the draft 2014-2017 TIP did not a third general purpose lane on I-494 but appreciates that MnDOT is able to provide some capacity improvement given its fiscal constraints.

**Staff response and recommendation:** MnDOT's State Highway Investment Plan illustrates that the lack of available funding and the high cost of adding mixed use capacity to the region's freeway system limits their ability to address mobility needs. The addition of dynamic shoulder lanes is one tool to address mobility needs as a low cost, high benefit type of project.

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Mary Gustafson, Grants Manager, Metro Transit

Staff received an email dated June 24, 2013 and an attached spreadsheet. Ms. Gustafson requested the following changes in program year 2014 in Table A-10; Section 5307 Transit Funding:

- Increase the federal Section 5307 and matching fund amount on TRF-TCMT-14BA (Central Corridor bus facilities and Como Park facility improvements) to adequately fund the project.
- Include TRF-TCMT-14AJ (overhaul base renovation and maintenance shop) and TRF-TCMT-14T (new police facility) with amounts listed on the attached spreadsheet. These projects were not ready for delivery in 2013 as anticipated and need to be carried over to 2014.
- Add a new project, TRF-TCMT-14BC, construction of a light rail platform station at Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis.

**Staff response and recommendation:** Section 5307 program funds are one of several federal transit program funds that come to the Metropolitan Council as the designated recipient for the region. The adjustment of these funds and the inclusion of a new project represent the normal adjustment to the Program of Projects at the end of a fiscal year. Staff recommends that these changes be included in the final 2014-2017 TIP.

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Wayne Sandberg, Washington County Engineer

Staff received a letter dated June 25, 2013 with the following comment:

The proposed TIP is consistent with the current Washington County Comprehensive Plan 2030; however, the county has not been successful in obtaining STP funds for certain regionally

significant projects. Mr. Sandberg cited two TAP projects in Washington County in the draft 2014-2017 TIP.

**Staff response and recommendation:** The draft 2014-2107 TIP includes projects only within that four-year timeframe. While the current TIP does not include many projects in Washington County, over a longer period of time, the distribution of federal transportation funds has been more geographically equitable. Washington County, along with other local governments, agencies and special interest groups, should continue to advocate for funding of their priority projects..

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Mitchell Rasmussen, PE, Scott County Engineer

Staff received a signed letter dated June 27, 2013 with the following comments:

- Scott County requests that the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds for project SP# 070-602-020 (CSAH 46 roundabout construction) be advanced from 2015 to 2014 or allow Scott County to Advance Construct the project in 2014, to coincide with a Dakota County project.
- The description of SP# 7005-106 (Table A-8; reconstruct TH 169) should list the eastern project limit as CSAH 21 instead of CSAH 18 because that portion of CSAH 18 was re-designated as CSAH 21 when it was opened to traffic in 2011.

**Staff response and recommendation:** The region does not have available HSIP funding in program year 2014 but staff recommends that the project be Advance Constructed with local funds in 2014 with the Advance Construction payback in program year 2015. Staff recommends that the description of SP # 7005-106 be changed to reflect the current CSAH designation.

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Douglas Fischer, PE, Anoka County Engineer

Staff received a signed letter dated June 28, 2013 with the following summarized comments:

Anoka County lacks major projects in the 2014-2017 TIP and received a disproportionately low share of funding compared to highway miles and daily vehicle miles traveled in the County. The TIP includes only one small NHPP project and does not include any CMAQ or TAP funded projects in Anoka County. As the region implements MAP-21, it should continue to allow fair and robust competition for the regional solicitation funds, and that the distribution of other funds is done fairly and equitably across the region.

**Staff response and recommendation:** The draft 2014-2107 TIP includes projects only within that four-year timeframe. While the current TIP does not include many projects in Anoka County as Mr. Fischer points out, over a longer period of time, the distribution of federal transportation funds has been more geographically equitable. Anoka County, along with other local governments, agencies and special interest groups, should continue to advocate for funding of their priority projects.

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Jenifer Hager, PE, City of Minneapolis

Staff received an email letter dated June 28, 2013 with the following comments:

Minneapolis requested that the “Total” and “Local Share” costs of bridge project SP# 141-454-001 (St. Anthony Pkwy. over BNSF) be increased and bridge project 141-328-004 (10<sup>th</sup> Ave. over Mississippi River) be reduced.

**Staff response and recommendation:** The requested cost changes reflect more accurate estimates as these projects proceed through the development process. The cost changes do not affect the projects’ score and rank in the regional solicitation process because cost effectiveness is not part of the criteria. Staff recommends that the cost adjustments be included in the final 2014-2017 TIP.

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Tom Johnson, Transportation Planning Engineer, Hennepin County

Staff received an email dated June 28, 2013 and an attached table with the following comments:

Hennepin County requests that the “Total” and “Other” or local costs of five projects listed in the table be adjusted to reflect more current cost estimates, and that the description of SP# 027-653-021 be changed to more accurately reflect the project scope as described in the original application.

**Staff response and recommendation:** The cost changes reflect more accurate estimates as the projects proceed through the development process and they do not appear to affect the project’s score and ranking in the regional solicitation process. The requested change in project description does better match the project description found in the original STP application. Staff recommends that the cost adjustments and project description changes be included in the final 2014-2017 TIP.

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Scott McBride, Metro District Engineer, Minnesota Dept. of Transportation.

Staff received a letter dated June 28, 2013 requesting that a number of changes be made to state and local projects listed in the Public Hearing copy of the draft 2014-2017 TIP. Mr. McBride stated that this reflects end-of-the-year changes affecting a number of individual projects. Attached to the letter were several tables listing projects to be deferred, projects to be deleted, projects to be advanced and a table of new projects to be added.

**Staff response and recommendation:** The changes described in the tables sent with Mr. McBride’s letter reflect MnDOT’s normal end of fiscal year balancing changes, updated project cost estimates, new project funding commitments and projects shifting among program years within the TIP timeframe. Staff recommends that the changes provided in the attached tables be incorporated into the final 2014-2017 TIP.