

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the SEWRPC Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for Milwaukee Urbanized Area

FROM: SEWRPC Staff

DATE: July 13, 2009

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2009-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Two proposed amendments to the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Southeastern Wisconsin are provided in Exhibit A to this memorandum. These two amendments as proposed would utilize a combined total of \$91 million in Interstate Highway – Completion or Substitution Funds allocated to the Milwaukee Urbanized Area to implement a segment of the City of Milwaukee’s Downtown Connector Streetcar and capital expenditures associated with Milwaukee County’s East-West Bus Rapid Transit Line.

These two proposed amendments may not be expected to affect the implementation schedule of other projects currently programmed in the TIP, and the entire TIP as amended may be expected to remain consistent with projected available funding. Both amendments are exempt from the requirement to conduct an air quality conformity, or regional emissions, analysis with respect to the State of Wisconsin Air Quality Implementation Plan, as the projects either entail the purchase of new buses or represent a minor expansion of the fleet.

A return postcard is enclosed on which we ask that you indicate your approval or disapproval of these proposed amendments to the TIP. Please review the proposed amendments, and indicate your approval or disapproval no later than July 22, 2009.

Should you have any questions concerning the proposed TIP amendments being transmitted with this memorandum for your consideration and action, please do not hesitate to call.

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Enclosures (#145673)

Exhibit A

**NEW PROJECTS TO BE ADDED TO THE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE MILWAUKEE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA --
MILWAUKEE COUNTY 2009-2012**

PROJECT SPONSOR	PROJECT			ESTIMATED COSTS (\$1,000)						AIR QUAL STAT	
	NO	DESCRIPTION / STATE ID	TYPE	2009		2010	2011	2012	Total		
MILWAUKEE COUNTY	904	PURCHASE OF 60-FOOT ARTICULATED BUSES AND ASSOCIATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR AN EAST-WEST BUS RAPID TRANSIT LINE 4009949	TI	DETAIL COSTS	PE	0.0	4,000.0	0.0	0.0	4,000.0	EXEMPT
					ROW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
					CONST	0.0	4,000.0	0.0	0.0	4,000.0	
					OTHER	0.0	9,720.0	25,340.0	0.0	35,060.0	
					TOTAL	0.0	17,720.0	25,340.0	0.0	43,060.0	
				SOURCE OF FUNDS IH-C/S	LOCAL	0.0	2,658.0	3,801.0	0.0	6,459.0	
					FEDERAL	0.0	15,062.0	21,539.0	0.0	36,601.0	
MILWAUKEE (CITY)	905 ^a	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MILWAUKEE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR STREETCAR BETWEEN THE MILWAUKEE INTERMODAL STATION AND AN AREA NORTH OF THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT 4109958	TE	DETAIL COSTS	PE	0.0	3,500.0	0.0	0.0	3,500.0	EXEMPT
					ROW	0.0	0.0	1,000.0	0.0	1,000.0	
					CONST	0.0	0.0	60,100.0	0.0	60,100.0	
					OTHER	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
					TOTAL	0.0	3,500.0	61,100.0	0.0	64,600.0	
				SOURCE OF FUNDS IH-C/S	LOCAL	0.0	525.0	9,165.0	0.0	9,690.0	
					FEDERAL	0.0	2,975.0	51,935.0	0.0	54,910.0	
				TOTAL	0.0	3,500.0	61,100.0	0.0	64,600.0		

^a Initiation of preliminary engineering would not proceed until a locally preferred alternative has been adopted by the project sponsor (City of Milwaukee); the project sponsor has requested that SEWRPC amend the regional transportation system plan to include the locally preferred alternative; and the regional transportation system plan has been amended. The regional plan identifies the streetcar project as a potential express transit guideway improvement, and calls for the planning study underway to be completed and a locally preferred alternative be identified.