



# Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## **Report to the MPO Officials Committee on Transportation Improvement Program Revisions to include *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* Funding**

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### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan**

The “*American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*” (Public Law 111-5) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The conference agreement provides \$789 billion in funding which includes Highway Infrastructure Investment at \$27.5 billion and Transit funding at \$8.4 billion. Other areas of transportation funding include \$850 million for Amtrak, Intercity Passenger Rail and High Speed Rail programs at \$9.3 billion and Supplemental Discretionary Grants at \$1.5 billion for projects with national, metropolitan, or regional significance.

For the State of Nebraska, this bill allows investments in transportation projects which includes \$235.6 million to be used on eligible transportation projects within the Federal-aid Highway Surface Transportation Program and another \$23.3 million in Transit Formula Funding. The State sub-allocates these funds through established formulas to State, MPO and County programs. The Lincoln metropolitan planning area is to receive \$9.4 million to be used for eligible transportation projects within the Surface Transportation Program and \$3.6 million to be used in Transit investments. Another \$9.0 million is to be assigned to selected County projects within the State.

The City, County and State agencies have been working closely in monitoring the economic recovery bill to ensure they are prepared to implement the legislation and ensure effective coordination with agencies implementing transportation projects.

### **MPO actions needed for the delivery of the Economic Recovery Package.**

1. If the project is new to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or Long Range Transportation Plan and agencies want to include it as part of the Economic Recovery, the project will need to be amended to the TIP prior to funding approval. In an effort to expedite this process, only projects in the Long Range Transportation Plan are under consideration.
2. Projects under consideration for funding that have not yet completed the environmental process will need to complete the categorical exclusion processing prior to funding approval.
3. The Economic Recovery funds will be available without the requirement for a local match (i.e. 100% Federal share for project funding).
4. Economic Recovery program guidance is available at the Federal Highway Administration (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/>) and Federal Transit Administration (<http://www.fta.dot.gov/>) web sites.

## **Transportation Improvement Program Revision Process**

According to Federal regulations (23 CFR § 450.326) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions are changes made to a TIP. These are classified into two categories:

- TIP *Amendments* are major revisions which require official approval by the MPO Officials Committee and submission to the Nebraska Department of Roads for approval, and
- TIP *Administrative Modifications* are minor revisions which can be made by Lincoln MPO staff after proper notification and concurrence that the change(s) fall into this category.

## **TIP Updates and Amendments**

TIP *Updates* and *Amendments* require public review and comment, a demonstration of fiscal constraint, approval by the MPO Officials Committee and review/concurrence by the Nebraska Department of Roads then subsequent approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). TIP Updates and Amendments that are incorporated into the TIP, become effective following FHWA and FTA approval.

The TIP amendment process for the situations where amendments are required to be processed outside of the annual update cycle require the following steps.

1. The lead agency requesting the amendment sends a formal request for an amendment to MPO. The request is to include the project description and scope, project number, costs and funding sources, amount of Federal funds proposed to be obligated for each program year, and the reason(s) for the amendment.
2. Requests undergo public review and comment, a fiscal constraint assessment, and a Metropolitan Transportation Plan conformity review by the MPO Technical Committee and upon approval, be recommended to the MPO Officials Committee.
3. Recommended amendments will be reviewed by the Officials Committee and upon approval, the project will be amended to the TIP and included in the STIP by reference upon NDOR notification to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

## **Proposed Transportation Improvement Revisions**

The proposed amendments are subject to MPO Officials Committee approval, availability of Federal STP-Stimulus Funding, environmental processing and FHWA/FTA project approval.

Attached are proposed TIP revisions as recommended by the MPO Technical Committee.

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TC Recommended Revisions (02-19-09)

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**Agency:** State of Nebraska

**Division:** Department of Roads

No	Project	Amendments
49.	<p data-bbox="347 709 764 919"><b>New TIP Project</b> <b>US-34 – Air Park to I-180, Lincoln</b> Mill &amp; resurface  C.N. 13015 Proj.# STP-34-6(139)  2.6 Miles</p>	<p data-bbox="1170 741 1344 768">FY 2008-2009:</p> <p data-bbox="1052 800 1344 947"><b>Add Funding,</b> PE = \$13,000, NE Funds Constr = \$2,901,000, Federal STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p data-bbox="1138 978 1344 1005">Total \$2,914,000</p>

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**Agency:** Lancaster County  
**Division:** County Engineering

No	Project	Amendments
2.	<p><b>West Denton Road - Denton East</b>            SW 56th Street to SW 12th Street            Reconstruct roadway</p> <p>C.N. 12541 Proj.# STPE-3305(9)</p> <p>3.0 Miles</p>	<p>FY 2008-2009:  <b>Add Funding,</b>            PE = \$32,000, STPE Funds            and \$8,000, CO Funds            Constr = \$2,400,000, Rural            Federal STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total = \$2,440,000</p> <p>FY 2009-2010:  <b>Remove Funding</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Fletcher Avenue-Waverly Southeast</b>            Bridge H-46            Bridge, Grading, Culvert, Guardrail, etc</p> <p>C.N. 12865 Proj.# BR-3340(7) 0.2 Miles</p>	<p>FY 2008-2009:  <b>Change Funding,</b>            PE = \$12,000, STPE Funds            and \$8,000, CO Funds            Constr = \$430,000, Rural            Federal STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total = \$450,000</p>
11.	<p><b>Roca Road</b>            Bridge S-179            Bridge, Grading, Culvert, Guardrail, etc</p> <p>C.N. 12952 Proj.# RUR-3290(2) 0.2 Miles</p> <p><b>** Advanced Construction Project</b></p>	<p>FY 2008-2009:  <b>Add Funding,</b>            PE = \$28,000, CO Funds</p>
12.	<p><b>New TIP Project</b>  <b>SW 14th Street</b>            Bennett Road to W Salltillo Road            New Pavement</p> <p>C.N. 13050 Proj.# RUR-3325(1) 0.75 Miles</p>	<p>FY 2008-2009:  <b>Add Funding,</b>            PE = \$2,000, CO Funds            Constr = \$320,000 in Rural            Federal STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total \$322,000</p>

**Proposed Joint City/County – Urban Federal STP-Stimulus Funded Project**

<b>13.</b>	<p><b>New TIP Project</b> <b>Saltillo Road</b> US-77 to 70th Street Resurfacing</p> <p>C.N. 13046    Proj.# LCLC-5280(1)    4.2 miles</p>	<p>FY 2008-2009: <b>Add Funding,</b> PE = \$1,000, CO Funds Constr = 650,000 in Urban Federal STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total \$651,000</p>
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**Agency:** Public Works & Utilities

**Division:** Streets and Highways

No	Project	Amendments
2.	<p><b>Modify, Replace or Install Traffic Signals</b></p> <p>Traffic Signal Replacement -  <u>Package A:</u> 13th&amp;A, 10th&amp;A, 9th&amp;A, 9th&amp;D)</p> <p>C.N. 13042 Proj.# LCLC-5220(4)</p>	<p>FY 2008-2009:  <b>Replace Funding,</b>            PE = \$41,000, LN Funds            Constr = \$690,000 in Federal            STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total \$731,000</p>
7.	<p><b>Arterial Rehabilitation and Intersection Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Package A:</u> ('A' Street, 63rd to 70th and 70th to Imperial; Van Dorn Street, Normal Blvd. to 70th Street)            C.N. 13041 Proj.# LCLC-5220(3)</li> <li>• <u>Package B:</u> ('Y' Street, 18th to 27th; 'P' Street, 17th to 27th; NW 1st Street, Highland Blvd. to W. Fletcher Ave.)            C.N. 13040 Proj.# LCLC-5236(2)</li> <li>• <u>Package C:</u> (Sheridan Blvd - South Street to 27th, 27th to 33rd, 33rd to 40th, and 40th to Cotner Blvd.)            C.N. 13039 Proj.# LCLC-5214(4)</li> <li>• <u>Package D:</u> (Holdrege Street, 19th to 25th Street; Cornhusker Hwy, Russell to 70th; 70th Street, Adams to Aylesworth; Vine Street, 70th to Sierra; Adams Street, I-180 to 14th Street)            C.N. 13038 Proj.# LCLC-5247(11)</li> <li>• <u>Package E:</u> ('O' Street, 15th to 25th, 29th to 44th and Wedgewood Drive to 84th Street)            C.N. 13037 Proj.# LCLC-34-6(140)</li> </ul>	<p>FY 2008-2009:</p> <p><b>Add Funding,</b>  <u>Package A:</u>            PE = \$19,800, LN Funds            Constr = \$704,000, Federal            STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p><u>Package B:</u>            PE = \$34,500, LN Funds            Constr = \$1,229,000, Federal            STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p><u>Package C:</u>            PE = \$47,100, LN Funds            Constr = \$1,680,000, Federal            STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p><u>Package D:</u>            PE = \$46,600, LN Funds            Constr = \$1,661,000, Federal            STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p><u>Package E:</u>            PE = \$76,000, LN Funds            Constr = \$1,630,000, Federal            STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Subtotals: PE = \$224,000            Const = \$6,904,000</p> <p><b>TOTAL \$ 7,128,000</b></p>

<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Bridge Rehabilitation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superior Street Bridge over Salt Creek, West of 40th Street</li> </ul> <p>C.N. 13043    Proj.# LCLC-5254(9)</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u></p> <p><b>Add Funding,</b>  PE = \$10,000, LN Funds  Constr = \$240,000 in Federal  STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total \$250,000</p>
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b>Antelope Valley North/South Road,  "P" to Vine Street</b></p> <p>This north/south project includes a new six through lane divided roadway including turn lanes from "P" through "Q" Street and a new four through lane divided roadway including turn lanes from north of "Q" to Vine Street (with the capability of widening to a six lanes in the future). This roadway project will connect the Vine Street and 'K' to P' projects. This roadway will curve around the east side of the Beadle Center, providing sidewalks on both sides of the roadway from 'P' Street to 'S' Street and on the west side from 'S' Street to Vine Street.</p> <p>C.N. 11215M    Proj.# LCLC-55(168)</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u></p> <p><b>Replace Funding,</b>  Constr = \$4,570,000, Federal  STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p><b>Constr Total \$4,570,000</b></p>

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**Agency:** Public Works & Utilities

**Division:** StarTran

No	Project	Amendments
2.	<b>Handi-Van Replacement</b> Funds are included in FY 2008-09 to complete the accumulation of funding for replacement of ten (10) current Handi-Van (complementary transportation) vehicles. - Hybrid Vehicles	FY 2008-2009: <b>Replace Funding,</b> with \$1,111,111 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds  Total \$1,111,111
3.	<b>Transit Enhancements for Bus Shelter Rehabilitation in Downtown Lincoln</b> FTA requires StarTran to fund transit enhancements which include bus shelters and 2008-2009 funding is dedicated to the rehabilitation of the shelters in the Downtown area - 13th and Q, and by the State Office Bldg.	FY 2008-2009: <b>Replace Funding,</b> with \$328,889 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds  Total \$328,889
8.	<b>Automated Vehicle Location Enhancements</b> AVL system enhancements will increase the effectiveness of StarTran bus operations and customer service.	FY 2008-2009: <b>Add Funding,</b> \$400,000 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds  Total \$400,000
10.	<b>Replace Elevator in Admin Bldg.</b> Replacement of the elevator in the StarTran Administration Building which provides ADA accessibility to the administrative area.	FY 2008-2009: <b>Add Funding,</b> \$60,000 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds  Total \$60,000
11.	<b>Replace Bus Wash System</b> Replacement of the drive through bus wash system equipment	FY 2008-2009: <b>Add Funding,</b> \$100,000 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds  Total \$100,000

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**Transportation Improvement Program – Modification**

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*Administrative Modifications* to the **Transportation Improvement Program** (TIP) are minor revisions to make minor corrections or adjustments to a project's programmed funding amount or sources, the project scope, or the programmed fiscal year (within the first four Federal Fiscal Years of the TIP).

**Agency:** Lower Platt South Natural Resource District

**Section:** Ped, Bike and Trails

<b>No</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Modifications</b>
14.	<b>Motocross Facility</b>  Abbott Sports Complex Motocross Facility	FY 2008-2009:  <b>Increase Funding,</b> \$761,856 in Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Funding \$190,464 in Other Funds  Total \$952,320