



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Troy/Birmingham Transit Center Project Update

The Transit Center site is comprised of a 2.7-acre parcel on the east side of the tracks in Troy, and a 2.5-acre parcel on the west side of the tracks in Birmingham. The site in Troy is controlled by a consent judgment that permits a Transit Center on the site provided it is funded by June, 2010.

The cities of Troy (\$1.3 million) and Birmingham (\$300,000) have allocated funding for the Transit Center. The project recently received \$1.3 million under the Fiscal Year 2010 U.S. House of Representatives Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. The cities of Troy and Birmingham continue to pursue available grants to assist in funding the project. The cities applied jointly for a \$7 million federal TIGER Discretionary Grant to assist in funding the Transit Center. Projects selected for TIGER Grant funding will be announced no later than February 17, 2010. The City of Troy applied for \$250,000 in federal EECBG funding for LED lighting on the site. MDOT applied for a federal high-speed rail system that included the Troy/Birmingham Transit Center. The cities continue to investigate and pursue grant opportunities.

The Architectural firm of Wendel Duchscherer prepared design plans for the project to 30% completion as per contract. The firm of Hubbell, Roth & Clark took over project design and prepared a site plan for the Transit Center project. The Joint Troy Planning Commission and Birmingham Planning Board met a number of times to provide input into site design. The Transit Center project includes a transit center building and SMART bus drop-off area, a barrier-free tunnel and ramp system, and AMTRAK platform and canopy, and roadway, sidewalk and parking improvements. The scope of the project assumes the Cities of Troy and Birmingham will be successful in securing the TIGER grant. However, the project may need to be phased based on available funding.

There is a meeting scheduled for the Joint Troy Planning Commission and Birmingham Planning Board on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Birmingham DPS Building, 851 S. Eton, Birmingham, MI. The intent of the meeting is to provide an update on the status of the Troy/Birmingham Transit Center, including presentation of an updated site plan.

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