

### Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 10, 2014

**Subject:** 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: Ladders of Opportunity award to improve, replace, and construct bus facilities

#### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include in the 2015-2018 TIP funding to improve, replace and construct bus facilities in Minneapolis and St. Paul (SP# TRF-TCMT-1588).

#### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda at the Transportation Committee.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Rodriguez and passed.

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Meeting date: December 8, 2014

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**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** TAB Action

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**Division/Department:** Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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### Background

Metro Transit was awarded an FTA section 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities discretionary award (Ladders of Opportunity) on September 25, 2014. Metro Transit will receive funding to improve, replace, and construct bus facilities in the Minneapolis-St. Paul region, particularly focused on areas of high poverty and high dependence on transit. The focus will be on bus stop improvements to ensure safe, quality facilities in disadvantaged areas. The project will result in new customer waiting shelters, addition of heat and light to existing shelters, improved transit information, and pedestrian connections.

### Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the TIP and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the amendment is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. This TIP amendment is using the streamlined process adopted by TAB on April 19, 2014.

### Funding

The project is fully funded with the federal and local funds.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.