

Committee Report

Business Item No. 2017-73

Consent

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 12, 2017

Subject: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment: FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding for three “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

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

Motion by Letofsky, seconded by Elkins, and passed.

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 27, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 12, 2017

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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

MnDOT was awarded funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310’s Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program, which is funded by FTA through MnDOT’s Office of Transit. The selection of these projects is done through grant applications submitted to MnDOT. The timing of final project selection is not compatible with the FTA grant application deadlines which will need to be met in order to execute grant contracts for calendar year 2018.

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 state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. This TIP amendment is using the streamlined process adopted by TAB on April 19, 2014.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *equity* by providing transportation for traditionally-underserved populations.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Please amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2018. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Project Number	1	2	3
Seq #			
State Fiscal Year	2018	2018	2018
ATP	M	M	M
District	M	M	M
Route System	BB	BB	BB
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-9117-18	TRF-9056-18	TRF-0051-18
Agency	MnDOT	MnDOT	MnDOT
Description	Section 5310; Dakota County; Mobility Management	Section 5310; Newtrax; Mobility Management	Section 5310; Scott County; Mobility Management
Miles	-	-	-
Program	NB	NB	NB
Type of Work	Operate Bus	Operate Bus	Operate Bus
Proposed Funds	FTA	FTA	FTA
Total \$	294,000	180,000	420,000
FHWA \$			
AC \$			
FTA \$	235,200	144,000	336,000
TH \$			
Other \$	58,800	36,000	84,000

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous TIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

These amendments will specifically identify Section 5310 Large Urban Mobility Management projects for program year 2018. The 2017-2020 STIP needs to be amended due to the fact that the grant application for these projects will be written prior to the 2018-2021 STIP Approval.

Section 5310: the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program is funded by FTA through MnDOT's Office of Transit. The final selection and award of these on-going Mobility Management projects is done through grant applications submitted to MnDOT. The timing of final project selection is not compatible with the FTA grant application deadlines which will need to be met in order to execute grant contracts for calendar year 2018.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money (FTA Section 5310 Program Fund) X
 - Anticipated Advance Construction
 - ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
 - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
 - Other

The funds available for these grants are from a set aside in District C, TRF-9110-18, Seq. #2099. These funds are sufficient to fully fund the project, therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt from regional level analysis: O-1 (Planning, training, and research activities)