

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 13, 2020

Subject: 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: Transit Vehicle Purchase for Rise, Inc. (Sect. 5310 MnDOT Capital)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a purchase of transit vehicles for Rise, Inc.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item. There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Gonzalez. Motion carried, **consent** to Council.

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

Staff Prepared/Presented: Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director, Finance & Planning (651-602-1508)
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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a purchase of transit vehicles for Rise, Inc.

Background

MnDOT was awarded funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310's Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabilities program, which is programmed by MnDOT's Office of Transit. The selection of these projects is done through grant applications submitted to FTA. The timing of project selection is not always compatible with TIP development and in order for Rise, Inc (the grantee) to purchase its vehicles, an amendment is needed to identify the purchase in the current TIP.

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board and the Metropolitan Council approve formal amendments to the TIP. 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.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes livability by providing transportation to those unable to transport themselves via automobile or fixed-route transit.

Funding

The project is fully funded with local and federal funds.

Known Support / Opposition

This proposed action was reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Advisory Board. No known opposition.

Please amend the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2020. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	Miles
2020	M	BB	TRF-1767-21	MnDOT	Sect 5310: RISE, INC.; Purchase 5 (class 400) replacement vehicles and 2 (class 400) expansion vehicles	-

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FTA \$	Other \$
FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities – Section 5310	Transit Vehicle Purchase	FTA, Sec 5310	627,270	501,816	125,454

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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).

Section 5310: the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program is funded by FTA through MnDOT’s Office of Transit. The selection of these projects is completed through grant applications submitted to FTA. The timing of project selection is not compatible with the TIP/STIP development and for the agency to purchase their vehicles an amendment is needed to identify them in the current STIP. This project needs to be included in the TIP so that FTA can apply for the federal funding for the projects and enter into contract with the subrecipient for those funds.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- Other X

Calendar year 2020 FTA Section 5310 will use federal fiscal year 2018 and 2019 appropriations. 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 October 24, 2018, as amended on April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

Exempt Project Category T-10: Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansion to the fleet.