

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 8, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 10, 2020

Subject: 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for St. Paul: Electric Vehicles for Car Sharing

District(s), Member(s): 6 – Atlas-Ingebretson; 7 – Liligren; 8 – Muse; 13 – Lee; 14 – Fredson

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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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 eliminate mobility hubs from St. Paul's electric vehicle carshare project.

Background

This amendment is needed to reduce the project's scope and total cost. This action removes federal funding from the mobility hubs, enabling the sponsor to deliver them early and the project to be completed in a timelier fashion. All federal funding will be used on the vehicle leases and the project will still be completed as originally proposed.

The project is funded by Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds through the Regional Solicitation.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. 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 project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes livability by expediting provision of an additional transportation option for those without a personal automobile.

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 2021. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	Miles
1522	2021	M	Transit	164-080-017	Saint Paul	70 mobility hubs in St Paul and Mpls, including electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) chargers, electrical infrastructure and locking bike racks EV carshare vehicle leases for mobility hubs in St Paul and Minneapolis	0.0

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
TR	Transit Operations	CMAQ	11,317,620 5,000,000	4,000,000	7,317,620 1,000,000

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

- 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).

This amendment is needed to reduce the project scope and total cost. In order to deliver the project in a more expedited fashion, the project will be phased, and still be completed as originally proposed. All federal funding will be used on the vehicle leases. Other phases will be done with local funds. An Informal Scope Change was approved by Met Council on March 25, 2020.

- 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

No additional federal funds are required for 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 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
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt Project Category –non-classifiable per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules