Transportation Committee
Meeting date: January 25, 2021
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2021

Subject: 2021-2024 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

District(s), Member(s): All

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 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for 12 “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects, sponsored by MnDOT.

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 FTA. The timing of project selection is not compatible with TIP development and for the agencies to purchase their vehicles an amendment is needed to identify them in the current TIP.

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 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 for transportation to those who cannot drive.

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

Known Support / Opposition
This proposed action was reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Advisory Board. No known opposition.
Please amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

*Please see list of projects below.*

**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 done through grant applications submitted to FTA. The timing of project selection is not compatible with the TIP/STIP development and for the agencies to purchase their vehicles an amendment is needed to identify them in the current STIP. These projects need to be included in the TIP so that FTA can apply for the federal funding for the projects and enter into contracts with the subrecipients 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 (includes State TH funds under Corridors of Commerce Program) ✔

  ✔ FTA Section 5310 Program Fund

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

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

✔ Exempt from regional level analysis: T-1: Operating assistance to transit agencies.

List of Projects

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Project-Specific Data:
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