

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 22, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 24, 2021

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

District(s), Member(s): Multiple

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for two “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 applicants 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 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 for transportation to those who cannot drive.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and state 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. These projects are being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Project	State Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description
1	2022	M	Transit	TRF-9134-22	MnDOT	Section 5310: Anoka County Transportation Coordination Assistance Project
2	2022	M	Transit	TRF-9135-22	MnDOT	Section 5310: Hennepin County Transportation Coordination Assistance Project

Project	Miles	Prog	Type of work	Prop funds	Total \$	FTA \$	State \$
1	N/A	NB	Transit	FTA	309,060	247,248	61,812
2	N/A	NB	Transit	FTA	606,000	484,800	121,200

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).

Section 5310: The Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program is funded by FTA through MnDOT’s Office of Transit and Active Transportation. 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 receive a Transit Coordination Assistance Project funds 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.

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

✓ FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

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.