

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** November 14, 2022

**For the Metropolitan Council:** November 30, 2022

## Business Item: 2022-293

2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Bruce Vento Trail Extension

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add preliminary engineering for an extension of the Bruce Vento Trail.

### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Chamblis. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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**District(s), Member(s):** 11 – Vento

**Policy/Legal Reference:** TAB Action

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director, Finance & Planning (651-602-1508)  
Steve Peterson, Manager of Highway Planning and TAB/TAC Process (651-602-1819)  
Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add preliminary engineering for an extension of the Bruce Vento Trail.

### Background

Ramsey County received federal congressionally directed funding to complete preliminary engineering for a 6.4-mile extension of the Bruce Vento Trail.

### Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The projects are consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *livability* by helping add a lengthy multimodal corridor.

### Funding

The projects are fully funded with federal and local funds.

Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2023. 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	Miles
TBD	2023	M	Local	062-090-004	Ramsey County	Bruce Vento Trail Extension – Buerkle Rd. to Co. Rd. J	6.4

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
BT	Preliminary Engineering	FFM	\$1,625,000	\$1,300,000	325,000

**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).

This amendment is needed to add a new project that received federal congressionally directed funds to the 2023-2026 TIP.

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

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

**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 X
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

\*Exempt Project Category AQ-2—Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

# Local Trail TIP Amendment

 Project Location

Bruce Vento Trail Extension  
- Buerkle Road to County Road J

