

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Fredson. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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**District(s), Member(s):** 3 – Vacant; 5 – Cummings; 6 – Pacheco; 7 – Lilligren  
**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 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) 2022 project by \$62.5 million (\$50 million federal).

### Background

This request is to add \$50 million (federal) to the fiscal year 2022 project line of the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) project. No scope change is proposed.

The project has been funded by FTA Section 5309. This amendment adds \$50 million in FTA Section 5307 funds taken from unspent 2020 and 2021 funds and other 2022 Metro Council projects, shown in the table below. Projects 1 and 2 represent the Green Line Extension, while projects 3 through 8 highlight the projects from which the FTA funds are coming. Note that these projects will still be completed in full, but those being removed will be funded with non-federal funding.

Projects 3 through 8 show a total of \$28,695,004 in FTA Section 5307 funds being removed from planned 2022 projects and reallocated to the Green Line Extension project. In addition, \$21,304,996 of Section 5307 funding is being provided to the project (project 2) from unspent fiscal year 2020 and 2021 Section 5307 funds (which are not shown in the current TIP). There is therefore a proposed net increase of \$21,304,996 in 5307 funds allocated to 2022 projects in the TIP. Metro Transit is increasing the amount of local funds allocated to each of these projects and the projects continue to be fully funded.

Proj	Description	Total Cost	FTA \$	Other \$
1	**PRS**Sect 5309: Southwest light rail transit (Green Line Extension) New Start FFGA appropriation	\$214,600,921	\$100,000,000	\$114,600,921
2	**PRS**Sect 5307: Southwest light rail transit (Green Line Extension) New Start FFGA appropriation	\$0 \$62,500,000	\$0 \$50,000,000	\$0 \$12,500,000
3	Operations, equipment and expansion	<del>\$225,000</del> \$0	<del>\$180,000</del> \$0	<del>\$45,000</del> \$0
4	Public facilities: signs, lights, heat, pads, real-time signs	<del>\$850,000</del> \$0	<del>\$680,000</del> \$0	<del>\$170,000</del> \$0
5	Preventive maintenance	<del>\$10,000,000</del> \$0	<del>\$8,000,000</del> \$0	<del>\$2,000,000</del> \$0
6	Facilities energy enhancements and new energy initiatives	<del>\$795,675</del> \$626,920	<del>\$636,540</del> \$501,536	<del>\$159,135</del> \$125,384
7	Fare collection capital equipment, hardware and software	<del>\$9,625,000</del> \$0	<del>\$7,700,000</del> \$0	<del>\$1,925,000</del> \$0
8	Bus acquisition	<del>\$24,214,133</del> \$10,096,486	<del>\$20,582,013</del> \$8,582,013	<del>\$3,632,120</del> \$1,514,473

### Rationale

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

### Funding

The proposed TIP amendment is fully funded with federal and local funds.



Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the below projects in 2022. The projects are being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

**(Each project is Fiscal year 2022, Metro District, Route System BB, Prog TR, Type-of-Work Transit, Proposed Funds FTA)**

Project Number	Agency	Description	Miles	Total \$	FTA \$	Other \$
TRF-TCMT-22AG (Existing; no proposed change)	Met Council- MT	<b>**PRS**</b> Sect 5309 Southwest light Rail transit (Green Line Extension) New Start FFGA appropriation	14.50	274,600,921	150,000,000	124,600,921
TRF-TCMT-22AG (Proposed addition)	Met Council- MT	<b>**PRS**</b> Sect 5307 Southwest light Rail transit (Green Line Extension) New Start FFGA appropriation	14.50	<u>62,500,000</u>	<u>50,000,000</u>	<u>12,500,000*</u>
TRF-TCMT-22AB	MET COUNCIL- MT	SECT 5307: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL MT BUS AND RAIL OPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTROL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION	0	\$225,000	\$180,000	\$45,000
TRF-TCMT-22AD	MET COUNCIL- MT	SECT 5307: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL MT BUS AND RAIL PUBLIC FACILITIES ADDITIONS OR IMPROVEMENT: SIGNS, LIGHTS, HEAT, PADS, REAL TIME SIGNS	0	\$850,000	\$680,000	\$170,000
TRF-TCMT-22G	MET COUNCIL- MT	SECT 5307: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL MT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	0	\$10,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000
TRF-TCMT-22T	MET COUNCIL- MT	SECT 5307: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL MT FACILITIES ENERGY ENHANCEMENTS AND NEW ENERGY INITIATIVES	0	\$795,675 \$626,920	\$636,540 \$501,536	\$159,135 \$125,384
TRF-TCMT-22U)	MET COUNCIL- MT	SECT 5307: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL MT BUS AND RAIL FARE COLLECTION CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION	0	\$9,625,000	\$7,700,000	\$1,925,000
TRF-TCMT-22N	MET COUNCIL- MTS	SECT 5307: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL MTS BUS ACQUISITION	0	\$24,214,133 \$10,096,486	\$20,582,013 \$8,582,013	\$3,632,120 \$1,514,473

\*Reflects previously used additional local funds.

**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 to increase the total project cost to TRF-TCMT-22AG. The scope remains the same. The source of the funds for the change is FFY 2020, FFY 2021, and FFY 2022 Section 5307 funds. This is an increase in 5307 funds allocated to 2022 Southwest Light Rail project expenditures of \$50,000,000 and a reduction of \$28,695,004 in 5307 funds allocated to other 2022 TIP projects. There is a net increase of \$21,304,996 in 5307 funds allocated to 2022 projects in the TIP. The projects funded with the \$28,695,004 5307 funds will now be funded with local sources. These funds are in SFY 2022 (beginning 7/1/2021) which coincides with FFY 2022 (ending 9/30/2022).

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

This is a net increase in 5307 funds used for 2022 projects in the TIP. However, this increase is based on the finite amount of 5307 funds we have available in total to spend. We are shifting 5307 funds within our organization between projects and increasing local funds revenues for other projects. 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 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)

\*While the project is an A-30 regionally significant project, a cost change that does not impact the scope does not require a conformity determination.