

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: May 23, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: May 25, 2022

Business Item: 2022-115 SW

2022-2025 TIP Amendment: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of three MnDOT Section 5310 bus purchases and remove one bus purchase.

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): All
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action
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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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Background

MnDOT is increasing the cost of three Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities) bus purchases due to industrywide inflation. It is also removing one bus purchase because the recipient agency has declined the bus.

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 continuing to provide accessible and affordable transportation choices.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to address these projects. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Data for each Project

ATP	Metro
Route System	BB (Transit (buses))
Agency	MnDOT
Miles	0
Program	FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities – Section 5310
Proposed Funds	FTA
State Fiscal Year	2022

Project-Specific Data:

Project Nor (S.P. #)	Description	Type of Work	Total \$	FTA \$	Other \$
TRF-0260-22	Section 5310: Midwest Special Services, Inc.; 2 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	Purchase Buses	\$186,000 <u>\$256,000</u>	\$148,800 <u>\$204,800</u>	\$37,200 <u>\$51,200</u>
TRF-1767-22	Section 5310: Rise, Inc.; 2 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	Purchase Buses	\$186,000 <u>\$256,000</u>	\$148,800 <u>\$204,800</u>	\$37,200 <u>\$51,200</u>
TRF-9056-22A	Section 5310: Newtrax, Inc.; 6 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement and 2 (Class 400) Vehicle Expansion	Purchase Buses	\$744,000 <u>\$1,024,000</u>	\$595,200 <u>\$819,200</u>	148,800 <u>\$204,800</u>
TRF-0011-22	Section 5310: Lifeworks Services, Inc.; 1 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	Purchase Buses	\$93,000	\$74,400	\$18,600

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. MnDOT is requesting that the TIP reflect a cost increase for three of these projects:

- Midwest Special Services, Inc.: Replacement of two class 400 vehicles
- Rise, Inc.: Replace two class 400 vehicles
- NewTrax, Inc.: replace six class 400 vehicles and add two class 400 vehicles

These increases are due to industrywide cost increases.

MnDOT also wishes to remove the replacement of one class 400 vehicle for the Lifeworks Services, Inc., who declined the project.

These four changes result in an overall cost increase of \$327,000 (\$261,600 federal).

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

✓ the funds used for these projects are 2020 Section 5310 Large Urban apportionment, so fiscal constraint is maintained. The 20% local match will be provided by the sub-recipients.

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-10—Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.