

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: January 23, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: January 25, 2023

## Business Item: 2023-21 SW

2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Three 2022 Regional Solicitation Projects

**District(s), Member(s):** 3 – Vacant; 5 – Cummings; 6 – Pacheco; 7 – Lilligren; 8 – Muse; 12 – Gonzalez

**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 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add three projects recently approved for funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

### Background

On December 14, 2022, the Metropolitan Council approved funding of 91 projects through its semiannual Regional Solicitation (77) and the new USDOT Carbon Reduction Program (14). While most projects are programmed for several years out, these funding sources also include 2023 and 2024 funding. Any 2023 project needs to be included in the 2023-2026 TIP. Further, inclusion of 2024 projects can serve applicants that intend to obligate projects either late in fiscal year 2023 or early in fiscal year 2024. Staff is considering amending all 2024 projects into the 2023-2026 TIP starting in February 2023. At this time, the following projects are proposed for addition to the 2023-2026 TIP:

1. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board was awarded \$2.56M to construct a bicycle/pedestrian underpass on its East Bank Trail. This is a 2024 project that is likely to be obligated prior to approval of the 2024-2027 TIP and therefore needs to be added to the 2023-2026 TIP. (Pages 3-4)
2. Metro Transit was awarded \$7M for its Green Line Light Rail Transit extension. This is a 2023 project. (Pages 5-6)
3. Metro Transit is sponsoring a park-and-ride structure on the Gold Line BRT project. This \$7M 2023 award was granted to Washington County, who has since transferred it to Metro Transit. (Pages 7-8)

### 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 *stewardship* by enabling spending of early-year funds.

## Funding

The projects are fully funded with federal and local funds.



Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add this project into fiscal year 2024. 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	2024	M	Local	091-090-090	Minneapolis Park & Rec	East Bank Trail, Plymouth Avenue just east of Mississippi River in Minneapolis – Construct bicycle/pedestrian underpass, trail connections, and intersection improvements	0.20

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
BT	Bike/Ped	STBG-TAP	\$5,760,000	\$2,560,000	\$3,200,000

**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 Minneapolis Park and Recreation’s East Bank Trail underpass under Plymouth Avenue, recently approved for fiscal year 2024 funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation, to the TIP. The project is likely to be obligated prior to completion of the 2024-2027 TIP and therefore will need to be included in 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

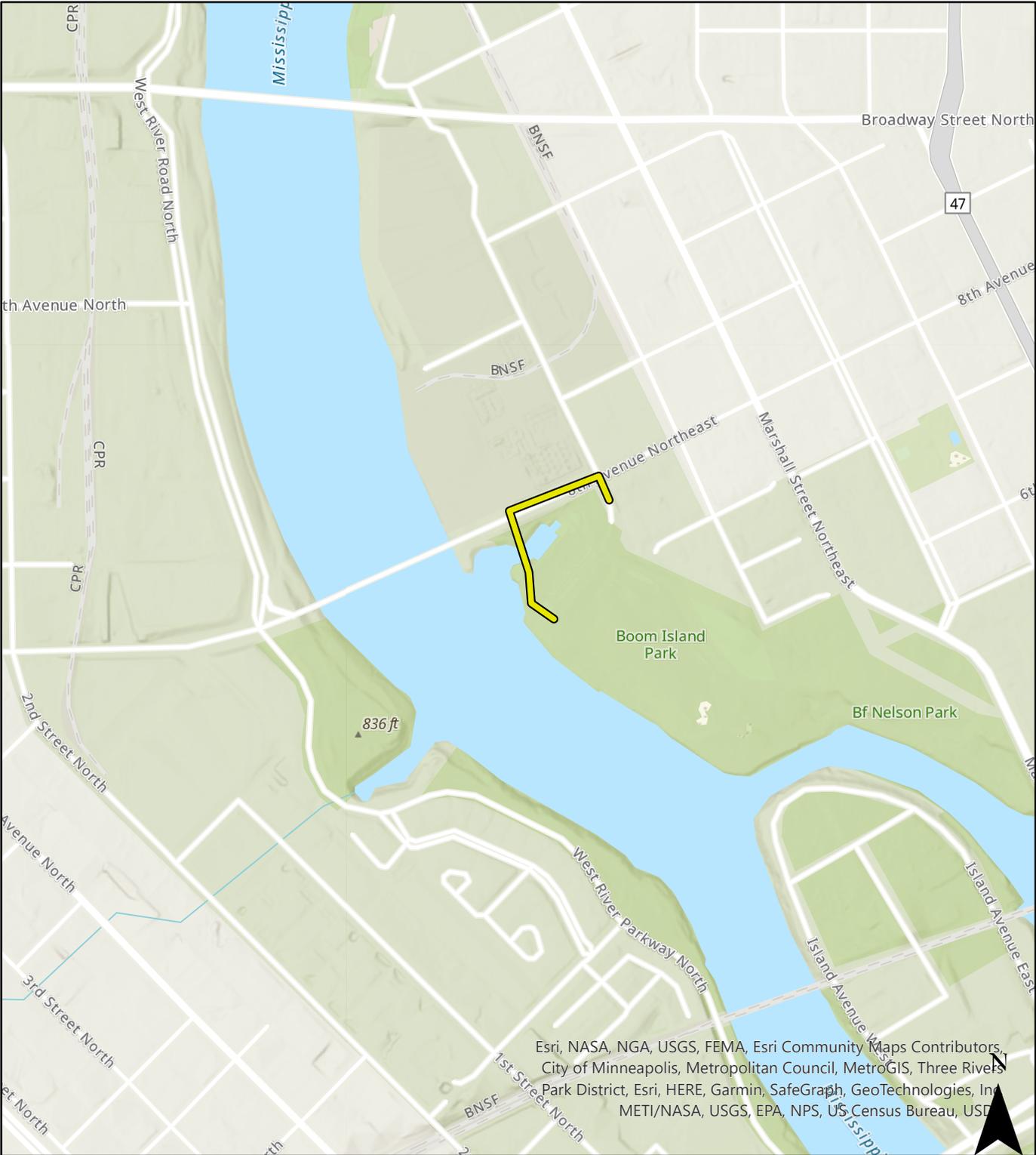
On December 14, 2022, the Met Council awarded 2022 Regional Solicitation funding. Federal funds come from this action. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

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

# East Bank Trail Connection TIP Amendment

 Project Location



Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add this project into fiscal 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	Transit	TBD	Metro Transit	METRO Green Line LRT Extension Project	14.5

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FTA \$	Other \$
TR	Transit	CMAQ	8,500,000	7,000,000	1,500,000

**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).

On December 14, 2022, Metro Transit was awarded \$7M in federal funding towards its METRO Green Line Extension through the Council’s Regional Solicitation. This amendment is needed to bring these fiscal year 2023 funds into the TIP and STIP.

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

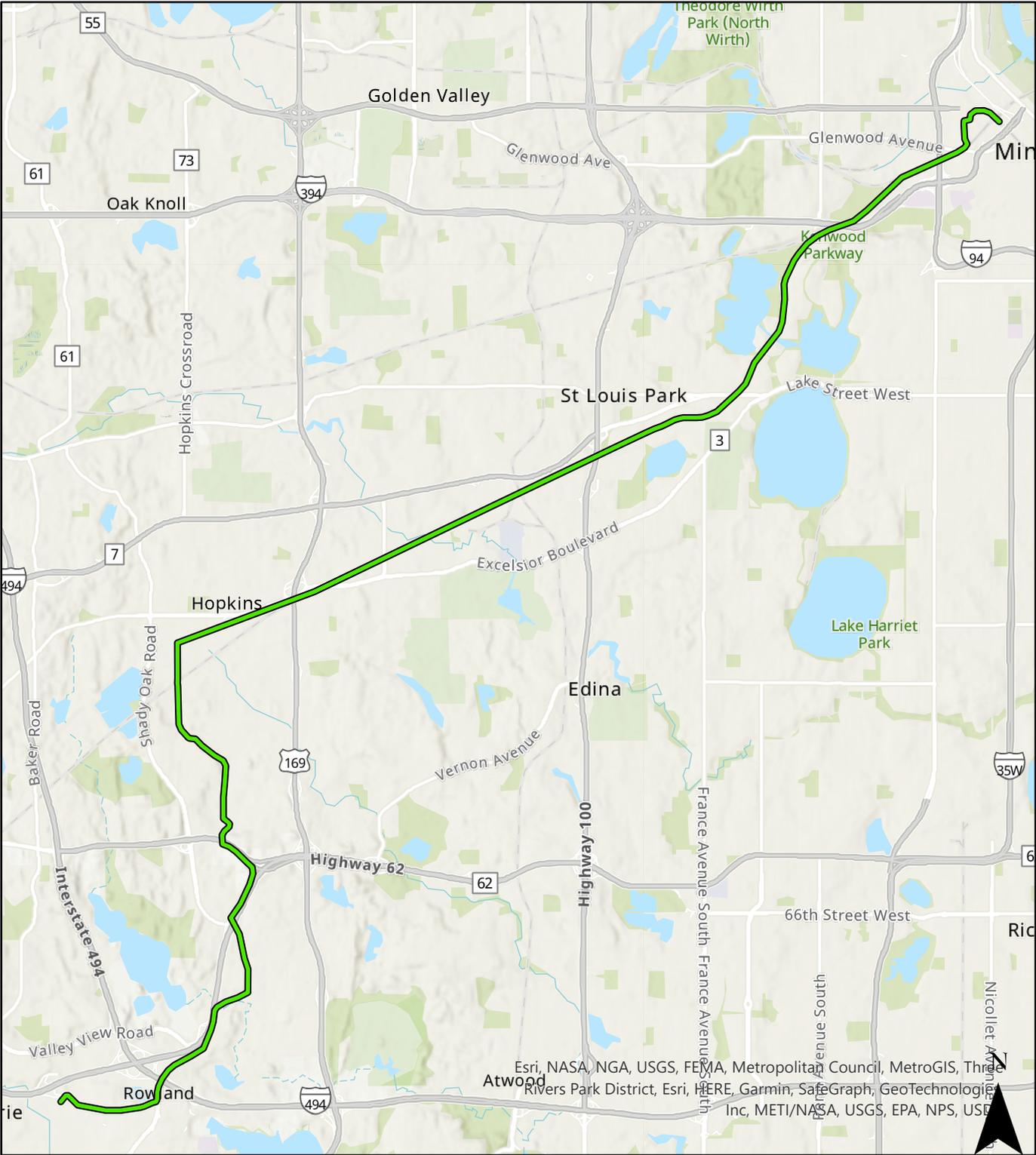
On December 14, 2022, the Met Council awarded Carbon Reduction funding for fiscal years 2023-2027. Federal funds come from this action. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

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# Green Line Light Rail Extension TIP Amendment

— Green Line LRT Extension



Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA, Metropolitan Council, MetroGIS, Thredwell, Rivers Park District, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnology, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USFWS

Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add this project into fiscal 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	Transit	TRS-TCMT-23F	Metro Transit	Approximately 512-stall parking structure and access roads at the intersection of Woodlane Dr and Guide Dr in Woodbury	0.1

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FTA \$	Other \$
TR	Transit	Carbon Reduction	21,679,457	7,000,000	14,679,457

**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).

This amendment is needed to add the Gold Line park-and-ride lot and access roads recently approved for fiscal year 2023 funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

- 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

On December 14, 2022, the Met Council awarded Carbon Reduction funding for fiscal years 2023-2025. Federal funds come from this action. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

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# Gold Line Transit Expansion TIP Amendment

● Proposed Location

