

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2013-19

DATE: March 21, 2013
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
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SUBJECT: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for 2013 FTA Section 5310 Projects
REQUESTED ACTION: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) requests a TIP amendment to add 18 projects selected for 2013 using federal Section 5310 funding.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the attached list of 18 projects with \$979,200 in federal funding in 2013 using federal Section 5310 funding.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The federal Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities program (also referred to as Section 5310 funds) provides funding to states for the purpose of assisting in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. For Minnesota, the program is administered through MnDOT's Office of Transit. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines require the state to establish criteria for selection of projects. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria and are evaluated for conformance with program criteria by the MnDOT Office of Transit. The timing of project selection through the FTA is not compatible with the TIP development cycle, so this amendment is needed to enable vehicle purchases in 2013.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved TIP and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity; and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal funding is new money and grant recipients pay for the local amount, fully funding these projects. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the projects were exempt from

air quality conformity analysis. Public input opportunities for this amendment are provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its March 21, 2013, meeting, the TAC Funding and Programming Committee unanimously approved a recommendation that the TAB adopt this amendment.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 21, 2013
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert St.
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RE: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
State Project Number: 2013 FTA Section 5310 Projects

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Twin Cities 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following new projects in SFY 2013 of the TIP. The project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Please see list of projects on page 4.

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, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program, is funded by FTA through MnDOT's Office of Transit. FTA guidelines require the State to establish criteria for selection of projects. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria and are evaluated for conformance with program criteria by the MnDOT Office of Transit.

The selection of these projects is done through grant applications submitted to FTA. The timing of project selection is not compatible with TIP/STIP development and in order for the agencies to purchase their vehicles in SFY 2013 an amendment is needed to identify them in the current TIP.

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

- New Money – FTA 5310 Operating Funds* X*
(Discretionary, Special Allocations or Other New Funding Sources)
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment of other projects
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP target
- Other

*These funds are in addition to regular target formula funds. The local share of vehicles and any cost overages are paid for by the recipient. Therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council’s Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination.....
- Exempt from regional level analysis*..... YES
- Exempt from project level analysis*..... YES
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation*.....
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt Project Category # 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.

We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-234-7788.

Sincerely,

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LIST OF PROJECTS

STATE FISCAL YEAR	P R T	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	PROG	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	STATE \$	OTHER \$	AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
2013		BB	TRF-0756-13	MnDOT	Section 5310; Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc.(Rosemount); Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-9056-13	MnDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-9056-13A	MnDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-9056-13B	MnDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-9056-13C	MnDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-9056-13D	MnDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10



2013		BB	TRF-9056-13E	MnDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-0747-13	MnDOT	Section 5310; Roseville Area - School District 623; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-0260-13	MnDOT	Section 5310; Midwest Special Services Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment-	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-0260-13A	MnDOT	Section 5310; Midwest Special Services Inc; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment-	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-0890-13	MnDOT	Section 5310; ProAct, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-0890-13A	MnDOT	Section 5310; ProAct, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	122,000	0	0	97,600	0	24,400	T10
2013		BB	TRF-1767-13	MnDOT	Section 5310; Rise, Incorporated; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-1767-13A	MnDOT	Section 5310; Rise, Incorporated; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-1767-13B	MnDOT	Section 5310; Rise, Incorporated; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10

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2013		BB	TRF-0011-13	MnDOT	Section 5310; Lifeworks Services, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-1703-13A	MnDOT	Section 5310; Lifeworks Services, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10
2013		BB	TRF-1703-13	MnDOT	Section 5310; Achieve Services, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	NB	5310	68,000	0	0	54,400	0	13,600	T10

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