

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2013-57

DATE: December 10, 2013
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
SUBJECT: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for 2014 FTA Section 5310 Projects
REQUESTED ACTION: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) requests a TIP amendment to add 21 projects selected for 2014 using \$1,265,600 in federal Section 5310 funding.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the attached list of 21 projects with \$1,582,000 total funding and \$1,265,600 in federal Section 5310 funding in 2014.

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 2014.

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.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	November 21, 2013
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	December 4, 2013
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

November 8, 2013

Karl Keel, Chair
TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street No.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include 21 new bus purchase projects for various local providers in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 for a total of \$1,582,000 including \$1,265,600 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and \$316,400 local match funds. These projects are being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Please see list of projects on pages 3 - 5.

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program, is funded by FTA through Mn DOT's 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 the TIP/STIP development and in order for the agencies to purchase their vehicles an amendment is needed to identify them in the 2014-2017 STIP.
2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money – FTA Section 5310 Program Fund X*
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- 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 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..... X
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)....._____

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and determined the projects are exempt from regional analysis under code T-10 for purchase of new buses to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet.

Sincerely,

Brian Isaacson
Director, Metro Program Management
MnDOT Metro District

cc: Cindy Krumsieg, MnDOT Metro Program Management
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Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council

LIST OF PROJECTS

STATE FISCAL YEAR	AT P	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION* include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES	PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$	AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
2014	M	BB	TRF-0756-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc.(Rosemount); Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-9056-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-9056-14A	MNDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-9056-14B	MNDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-9056-14C	MNDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-9056-14D	MNDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10

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2014	M	BB	TRF-9056-14E	MNDOT	Section 5310; NEWTRAX, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-9111-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; Augustana Care (Regent in Burnsville); Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-9112-14	MNDOT	Augustana Care - Heritage Commons in Minneapolis	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-0260-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; Midwest Special Services Inc; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment-	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-2428-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; DARTS; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment-	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-2428-14A	MNDOT	Section 5310; DARTS; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment-	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-0890-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; ProAct, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	126,000	0	0	100,800	0	25,200	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-7229-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; East Suburban Resources.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-1767-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; Rise, Incorporated; Urban Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-1767-14A	MNDOT	Section 5310; Rise, Incorporated; Urban Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10

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2014	M	BB	TRF-1767-14B	MNDOT	Section 5310; Rise, Incorporated; Urban Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus		70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-1767-14C	MNDOT	Section 5310; Rise, Incorporated; Urban Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus		70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-1767-14D	MNDOT	Section 5310; Rise, Incorporated; Urban Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus		70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-0011-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; Lifeworks Services, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus		70,000	0	0	56,000	0	14,000	T-10
2014	M	BB	TRF-1703-14	MNDOT	Section 5310; Achieve Services, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus related Equipment	0.0	NB	Purchase Bus		126,000	0	0	100,800	0	25,200	T-10
					*Local match for bus purchases shown in other column provided by recipient in description column					Projects Total: \$1,582,000			FTA Total: \$1,265,600		Other Total: \$316,400	