

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2014-74

DATE: November 12, 2014

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

REQUESTED ACTION: MnDOT requests an amendment to include in the 2015-2018 TIP, funding for 14 “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to include funding for “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: MnDOT was awarded funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310’s Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program, which is funded by FTA through MnDOT’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 TIP development and in order for the agencies to purchase their vehicles an amendment is needed to identify them in the current TIP.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be 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 local and federal funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on September 10, 2014 and with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on October 6, 2014. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB’s and Council’s regular meetings. This amendment meets the criteria for using the TAB’s streamlined TIP amendment process and was recommended for streamlining by the TAC Executive Committee.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee Executive Committee	Review & Recommend	11/10/2014
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

Please amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these project in program year 2015. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Please see list of projects below.

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous STIP 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. 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 current 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 MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- Other

The funds available for these grant are from a set aside in District C, TRF-9110-15, Seq. #1999. These funds are sufficient to fully fund the project, 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 September 10, 2014, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on October 6, 2014.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

*Exempt from regional level analysis: T-10 (Purchase of new buses to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet) for bus purchases and O-1 (Planning, training, and research activities) for mobility management.

List of Projects

SEQ #	SFY	ATP	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (FED # IF AVAILABLE)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	MILES	PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$	AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
	2015	M	BB	TRF-1703-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; Achieve Services, Inc.; Large Urban; Bus and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	72,000	0	0	57,600	0	14,400	
	2015	M	BB	TRF-9115-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; Ally People Solutions; Large Urban; Bus and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Buses	FTA	72,000	0	0	57,600	0	14,400	
	2015	M	BB	TRF-0027-15	MnDOT	Section 5310 East Side Neighborhood Services, Inc.; Large Urban; Bus and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	72,000	0	0	57,600	0	14,400	
	2015	M	BB	TRF-7229-15	MnDOT	Section 5310 East Suburban Resources; Large Urban; 2 Buses and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Buses	FTA	144,000	0	0	115,200	0	28,800	
	2015	M	BB	TRF-0117-15	MnDOT	Section 5310 Ecumen Parmlly LifePointes; Large Urban; Bus and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	131,000	0	0	104,800	0	26,200	
	2015	M	BB	TRF-0011-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; Lifeworks, Inc.; Large Urban; 2 Buses and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Buses	FTA	144,000	0	0	115,200	0	28,800	

2015	M	BB	TRF-0756-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc.(Rosemount); Large Urban; Bus and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	72,000	0	0	57,600	0	14,400
2015	M	BB	TRF-0260-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; Midwest Special Services, Inc.; Large Urban; 2 Buses and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	144,000	0	0	115,200	0	28,800
2015	M	BB	TRF-9056-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; Newtrax, Inc.; Large Urban; 6 Buses and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Buses	FTA	432,000	0	0	345,600	0	86,400
2015	M	BB	TRF-0890-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; ProAct, Inc.; Urban; Bus and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	72,000	0	0	57,600	0	14,400
2015	M	BB	TRF-1767-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; Rise Incorporated; Large Urban; 5 Buses and Bus Related Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Buses	FTA	360,000	0	0	288,000	0	72,000
2015	M	BB	TRF-9117-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; Dakota County; Large Urban; Mobility Management	0	NB	Mobility Management	FTA	210,000	0	0	168,000	0	42,000
2015	M	BB	TRF-9056-15A	MnDOT	Section 5310; Newtrax, Inc.; Large Urban; Mobility Management	0	NB	Mobility Management	FTA	100,000	0	0	80,000	0	20,000
2015	M	BB	TRF-0051-15	MnDOT	Section 5310; Scott County; Large Urban; Mobility Management	0	NB	Mobility Management	FTA	310,000	0	0	248,000	0	62,000