

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2015-30

DATE: May 20, 2015
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)
SUBJECT: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit Section 5307 Preventative Maintenance.
REQUESTED ACTION: Metro Transit requests an amendment to add to the 2015-2018 TIP, additional funds for Section 5307 Preventative Maintenance (TRF-TCMT-15C).
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to include additional funds for Section 5307 Preventative Maintenance (TRF-TCMT-15C).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The project represents federally eligible operating funding for preventive maintenance of buses. This amendment adds the following amounts to the project line in the 2015-2018 TIP/STIP (sequence TRF-TCMT-15C). Previously programmed projects in the FY 2015-2018 TIP to be funded by FTA formula funds apportioned to the Metropolitan Council, will be funded by non-federal funding for maximum efficiency and timeliness in completing priority projects. No projects are being eliminated.

<u>Additional Funding</u>	<u>Current TIP Funding</u>
\$7,920,000 Federal	\$400,000 Federal
\$1,980,000 Other	\$100,000 Other
\$9,900,000 Total	\$500,000 Total

This funding is available from FFY 2015 5307 formula funds.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program (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 and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. Fiscal constraint is maintained by the amount of funding Metro Transit receives from the Federal Transit Administration, as no amount over that can be spent. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is 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	5/6/2015
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

Amendment to the Twin Cities 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DIST	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
2015	M	M		TRF-TCMT-15C	Met Council-MT	Section 5307: Preventive Maintenance	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
B9	Bus grant Capital Improvement	FTA	\$9,900,000			\$7,920,000		\$1,980,000

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).

This represents federally eligible operating funding for preventive maintenance of buses. This amendment adds the following amounts to the line in the 2015-2018 TIP/STIP (sequence 1411-TRF-TCMT-15C). Previously programmed projects in the FY 2015-2018 TIP to be funded by FTA formula funds apportioned to the Metropolitan Council, will be funded by non-federal funding for maximum efficiency and timeliness in completing priority projects.

Additional Funding

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\$9,900,000 Total

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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 Mn/DOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects _____
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint _____
- Other X

Federal funding that was planned for projects in the 2015-2018 TIP will be used for preventive maintenance operations instead. The projects from which the funding is taken will be completed using local funding. These include bush shelters, bus stop signs, etc. Preventive maintenance is a federally-eligible operating fund project. The funding source is regional transit capital (RTC).

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

*Exempt Project Category #T-4, Rehabilitation of Transit Vehicles per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules