

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2017-22

DATE: July 28, 2017

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment for Metro Transit: Heywood Garage Modernization

REQUESTED ACTION: Metro Transit requests an amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP to add a project modernizing the Heywood bus garage (SP # TRS-TCMT-17AZ)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that TAB adopt the amendment into the 2017-2020 TIP to add a project modernizing the Heywood bus garage (SP # TRS-TCMT-17AZ)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to add funding for Metro Transit's Heywood Garage modernization to the 2017-2020 TIP. The purpose of the project is to renovate and expand the existing Heywood bus operation and maintenance garage, located at 570 6th Avenue North in Minneapolis. The project will modernize the facility based on the additional buses, staff, and changes in bus fleet mix since the garage was constructed in 1984. The garage will be renovated to allow enough space to accommodate the current fleet mix and enable Metro Transit to better accommodate the addition of employees since it was originally designed. Funding source for the project is FTA 5339 funds.

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 per these four requirements.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015 and 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 the 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 & Approve for Streamlining	7-28-2017
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concur	
Metropolitan Council	Concur	

Please amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following project in program year **2018**. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DI ST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed# if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)			MILES
	State: 2018 Federal: 2017	M	M	BB	TRS-TCMT-17AZ	MET COUNCIL-MT	SECT 5339: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL-METRO TRANSIT HEYWOOD GARAGE MODERNIZATION			0
PROG	TYPE OF WORK		PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$	
B9	Transit (P)		FTA 5339	\$5,000,000	-	-	\$4,000,000	-	\$1,000,000	

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 funding for Metro Transit Heywood Garage Modernization construction to the 2017-2020 TIP. The purpose of the project is to renovate and expand the existing Heywood bus operation and maintenance garage at 570 6th Ave. North, Minneapolis, MN 55411, which will modernize the facility based on the additional buses, staff, and changes in bus fleet mix since the garage was constructed in 1984. The garage will be renovated in such a way that there will be enough space to accommodate the current fleet mix of standard, coach, hybrid and the articulated buses. This renovation and expansion will result in Metro Transit being able to better accommodate the addition of employees since originally designed.

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 MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects X
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)
- Other

The funding for this project is FTA 5339 – Formula funds / Metro Transit local match. Projects proposed to be funded by 5339 FTA Formula Funds in 2017 will be deferred to maintain fiscal constraint. Any projects deferred are internal projects approved on Metro Transit’s Capital Improvement Program. None are competitively awarded or regionally solicited projects.

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)

* T-8: Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures