

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2017-07

DATE: January 30, 2017

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: 2017-2020 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Twin Cities Metro Transit Police Facility Construction

REQUESTED ACTION: Metro Transit requests an amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add construction of a Metro Transit Police facility (SP# TRS-TCMT-17F).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP add construction of a Metro Transit Police facility (SP# TRS-TCMT-17F).

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is needed to add the remaining funding for Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) facility construction to the 2017-2020 TIP. Metro Transit plans to construct a new police facility, which will be an addition to the Heywood Office Building at 560 6th Avenue North in Minneapolis. The new building is needed because the Police Department has outgrown its current headquarters at 2425 Minnehaha Avenue in Minneapolis. Recent projections indicate the MTPD staff will grow nearly 70% by 2030 to keep pace with planned growth of the region's transit system.

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 the cost increase will be offset by deferring other 5307 projects. Any projects deferred are internal projects approved on Metro Transit's Capital Improvement Program and are not competitively awarded or regionally solicited projects. 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 streamlined following recommendation for streamlining by the TAC Executive Committee.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee Executive Committee	Review & Recommend for Streamlining	2/6/2017
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	-
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	-
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	-

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

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	D I S T	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed# if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	M I L E S
	2017	M	M	BB	TRS-TCMT-17F	MET COUNCIL-MT	SECT 5307: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL-METRO TRANSIT POLICE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION	0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
B9	Bus Grant Capital Improvement	FTA 5307	\$24,430,000	-	-	\$19,544,000	-	\$4,886,000

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

- 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 the remaining funding for Metro Transit Police Facility construction to the 2017-2020 TIP. Metro Transit plans to construct a new police facility. The building will be an addition to the Heywood Office Building at 560 6th Ave. North, Minneapolis, MN 55411. The new building is needed because the police have outgrown their current headquarters at 2425 Minnehaha Ave. Minneapolis, MN. Recent projections indicate the MTPD staff will grow nearly 70% by 2030 to keep pace with planned growth of the region’s transit system.

This project was in the 2016-2019 TIP. The 2016 Federal grant application was delayed due to the lack of 2016 bonding bill in the Minnesota Legislature. Local funding was reprioritized to allow this project to proceed as a 2017 initiative.

- 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
 - Other

The funding for this project is FTA 5307 – Formula funds / Metro Transit local match. Projects proposed to be funded by 5307 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 *
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area

*T-8: Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g., rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals and ancillary structures)