

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2017-14

DATE: June 6, 2017
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)
SUBJECT: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment for MVTA: Bus acquisition
REQUESTED ACTION: MVTA requests an amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP to add the purchase of a small bus
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that TAB adopt the amendment into the 2017-2020 TIP to add the acquisition of a small bus

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) has been awarded \$103,515 from a competitive solicitation to purchase a small bus. The award is through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will provide FTA Section 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 projects are 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	5-31-2017
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. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	Fiscal Year	ATP	Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #) (Fed# if available)	Agency	Description include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)			Miles
	Federal: 2017 State: 2018	M	M		Not yet assigned	MET Council - MTS	SECT 5339: Bus Acquisition			0.0
Prog	Type of work		Prop funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	Other \$	
TR	Fleet (bus) Acquisition		LOCAL	\$129,394	-	-	\$103,515	-	\$25,879	

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).

The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority has been awarded a competitive \$5339 federal grant to purchase a small bus. Federal award total is \$103,515. Award will be matched with \$25,879 of regional transit capital improvement bonds. This amendment is needed so the Council can include this project in the next federal grant application.

- How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money
 - Anticipated Advance Construction
 - Deferral of other projects
 - Earmark or HPP not
 - Other

The funding for this project is newly awarded federal section \$5339 funding and existing local sources from the Metropolitan Council.

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-10: Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet.