

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2017-10

DATE: March 1, 2017

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: 2017-2020 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 2017-2020 TIP funding for three “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that TAB adopt the amendment into the 2017-2020 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 the TIP development and to identify them in the current TIP, an amendment is necessary.

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 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 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 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	3-1-2017
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	-
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concur	-
Metropolitan Council	Concur	-

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

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Project Number	1	2	3
Seq #			
State Fiscal Year	2018	2018	2018
ATP	M	M	M
District	M	M	M
Route System	BB	BB	BB
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-9117-18	TRF-9056-18	TRF-0051-18
Agency	MnDOT	MnDOT	MnDOT
Description	Section 5310; Dakota County; Mobility Management	Section 5310; Newtrax; Mobility Management	Section 5310; Scott County; Mobility Management
Miles	-	-	-
Program	NB	NB	NB
Type of Work	Operate Bus	Operate Bus	Operate Bus
Proposed Funds	FTA	FTA	FTA
Total \$	294,000	180,000	420,000
FHWA \$			
AC \$			
FTA \$	235,200	144,000	336,000
TH \$			
Other \$	58,800	36,000	84,000

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).

These amendments will specifically identify Section 5310 Large Urban Mobility Management projects for program year 2018. The 2017-2020 STIP needs to be amended due to the fact that the grant application for these projects will be written prior to the 2018-2021 STIP Approval.

Section 5310: the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program is funded by FTA through MnDOT’s Office of Transit. The final selection and award of these on-going Mobility Management projects is done through grant applications submitted to MnDOT. The timing of final project selection is not compatible with the FTA grant application deadlines which will need to be met in order to execute grant contracts for calendar year 2018.

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 grants are from a set aside in District C, TRF-9110-18, Seq. #2099. 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 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 from regional level analysis: O-1 (Planning, training, and research activities)