

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2020-34

DATE: October 7, 2020
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)
SUBJECT: 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for MVTA: Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation
REQUESTED ACTION: MVTA requests an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add a project expanding and renovating the Burnsville Bus Garage
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add a project expanding and renovating MVTA's Burnsville Bus Garage.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: This amendment is requested because Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) was awarded Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 discretionary funds, with which it intends to fund a renovation and expansion of the Burnsville Bus Garage. This effort will improve the condition of the existing facility, resolve congestion, and increase bus storage capacity by 30.

FTA Section 5339 funds are awarded directly to the provider and are not a part of the Regional Solicitation process.

The amendment would add the project to the 2021-24 TIP, which was approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 23, 2020, The TIP still needs to be approved by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations. Should this amendment be approved before that approval, the project will not be eligible until federal approval occurs.

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 recommend TIP amendments to the Council for adoption.

The streamlined TIP amendment process allows projects that meet certain conditions to be streamlined, which entails forgoing TAC Funding & Programming Committee review and results in saving a month of process time.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the 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 October 24, 2018, as amended on April 24, 2019, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Note that while the project is exempt, MVTA should

be aware that storage of additional buses can impact air quality in the garage's vicinity and purchase of electric and hybrid buses should be considered.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its October 7, 2020, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add a project expanding and renovating MVTA's Burnsville Bus Garage.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	10/7/2020
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	10/21/2020
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	10/26/2020
Metropolitan Council	Adopt	10/28/2020

Please amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend this project in program year 2021. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
2021	M	BB	Not yet assigned	Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	Sect 5339: Minnesota Valley Transit Authority – Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation/Expansion. Fund renovation and addition to existing bus garage to improve condition of existing building, resolve congestion and safety issues, add storage, increase ceiling height, and increase bus storage.	-

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FTA \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
BB	Transit (P)	FTA 5339	\$3,500,000	\$2,800,000	-	\$700,000

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 because Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) was awarded Section 5339 discretionary funds. The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation/Expansion will improve the condition of the existing facility, resolve congestion and safety issues, add storage, increasing ceiling height to maintain all bus types in the fleet, and increase bus storage capacity by 30 to accommodate current and long-term inventories.

- How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money **X**
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint

New Money: The funding for this project is FTA 5339; it is new discretionary funding.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on October 24, 2018, as amended on April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019.

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