

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2021-14

DATE: March 3, 2021

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: 2021-2024 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 2021-2024 TIP funding for two “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for two “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects, sponsored by MnDOT.

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 TIP development and for the agencies to purchase their vehicles an amendment is needed to identify them in the current TIP.

FTA Section 5310 funding is not programmed through TAB’s Regional Solicitation.

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. This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB’s and the Council’s regular meetings. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its March 3, 2021 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for two “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects, sponsored by MnDOT.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	3/3/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	3/12/2021
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	3/22/2021
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	3/24/2021

Please amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects. These projects are being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Project	State Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description
1	2022	M	Transit	TRF-9134-22	MnDOT	Section 5310: Anoka County Transportation Coordination Assistance Project
2	2022	M	Transit	TRF-9135-22	MnDOT	Section 5310: Hennepin County Transportation Coordination Assistance Project

Project	Miles	Prog	Type of work	Prop funds	Total \$	FTA \$	State \$
1	N/A	NB	Transit	FTA	309,060	247,248	61,812
2	N/A	NB	Transit	FTA	606,000	484,800	121,200

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).

Section 5310: The Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program is funded by FTA through MnDOT’s Office of Transit and Active Transportation. The selection of these projects is done through grant applications submitted to FTA. The timing of project selection is not compatible with the TIP/STIP development and for the agencies to receive a Transit Coordination Assistance Project funds an amendment is needed to identify them in the current STIP. These projects need to be included in the TIP so that FTA can apply for the federal funding for the projects and enter into contracts with the subrecipients for those funds.

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
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- Other

✓ FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis ✓
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

✓ Exempt from regional level analysis: T-1: Operating assistance to transit agencies.