

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: May 18, 2022

Date: May 11, 2022

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Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment: Four New projects

To: Transportation Advisory Board
From: Technical Advisory Committee
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Requested Action

The City of Saint Paul, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority, and MnDOT request an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add four projects.

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add four new projects.

Summary

This requested action involves adding four new projects to the TIP. These projects are a recent \$1.4 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant, expansion of the Burnsville Bus Garage, federal contribution to a Gateway State Trail realignment, and a new bus purchase. Each of these actions meets the threshold for a streamlined TIP amendment. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval.

Background and Purpose

The following projects are proposed for addition to the 2022-2025 TIP:

1. City of Saint Paul was awarded \$1.4 million from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for a study of Rondo area street improvements. Because this is federal funding the project must be included in the TIP. (SP # 164-080-019). (Page 3)
2. The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) was awarded Section 5339 discretionary funds, which it intends to use on its Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation/Expansion Phase III. This will include a north apron expansion, maintenance area mechanical features, add-on options for state of good repair, additional expansion, and implementation of energy efficiency improvements (SP # to be assigned). (Page 4)
3. MnDOT is contributing federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funding to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Gateway State Trail Realignment at I-35E between Arlington Avenue and Maryland Avenue in St. Paul. The addition of federal funds necessitates placement in the TIP (SP # 6282-426). (Page 5)
4. MnDOT is facilitating the purchase of a bus for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SP # 8825-1049). (Page 6)

Relationship to Regional Policy

Federal law requires that all TIP amendments 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, provided these four requirements are met.

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

Staff Analysis

The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects. 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 projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Committee Comments and Action

At its May 4, 2022, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add four new projects.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	May 4, 2022
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	May 18, 2022
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	May 23, 2022
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	May 25, 2022



Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description	Miles
TBD	2023	MM	N/A	164-080-019	St. Paul	Rondo Area Street Improvements Study	0.0

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
PL	Preliminary Engineering	FFM	1,400,000	1,400,000	-

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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).

This amendment is needed to add this new project that received a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to the TIP.

2. 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
- Other

Funding is provided through a recently awarded federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. 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 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 Project Category O-1. Specific activities that do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and technical studies, grants for training and research programs, planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C., and Federal-aid systems revisions per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

Please amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add this project to program years 2022 and 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
2022	M	BB	Undecided	Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	Sec. 5339: Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation/Expansion Phase III - North apron expansion, maintenance area mechanical features, add-on options for state of good repair, additional expansion, and implementation of energy efficiency improvements	-

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FTA \$	Other \$
TR	Transit (P)	Sect 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 was awarded Section 5339 discretionary funds. The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation/Expansion Phase III will include a north apron expansion, maintenance area mechanical features, add-on options for state of good repair, additional expansion, and implementation of energy efficiency improvements.

- 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

*This project was recently awarded funding from the FTA from the 2021 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities grant program. 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 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)

X 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)

Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add this project to program year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description
TBD	2023	M	I35E	6280-426	MnDOT	I35E, parallel to I35E, Realign Gateway State Trail between Arlington Ave E and Maryland Ave E in St Paul (DNR)

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
.75	AM	Coop. Const. Agreement	STP	\$850,000	\$250,000	\$600,000

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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).

This amendment is for the addition of a new federally funded project into 2023.

2. 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

X

This amendment request is for addition of a new federally funded project into fiscal year 2023 of the 2022-2025 TIP. Because this is a 2023 project, it will be included in the draft 2023-2026 TIP. Metro District will align its program to meet MnDOT’s 2023-2026 STIP funding guidance. 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 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 Project Category AQ-2—Bicycle and pedestrian facilities per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.

Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change this project in program year 2022. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description
TBD	2022	M	NA	8825-1049	MnDOT	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; Clean transportation grant to tribal partner- Purchase one electric bus

Miles	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
0.0	TR	Transit	STP	\$295,00	\$295,000	NA

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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).

This amendment is needed to add a new federally funded project into SFY 2022

2. 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 X

This is a Clean Transportation Grant in the Metro area being delivered by MnDOT Central Office, which will provide the funding and convert STP federal budget authority to its available CMAQ appropriation. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained. (No match required if using STP to a tribal partner).

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 Project Category T-10—Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.