

# Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



**Meeting Date:** September 21, 2022

**Date:** September 14, 2022

## Action Transmittal: 2022-39

Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Southwest Transit Mobility Hub

**To:** Transportation Advisory Board

**From:** Technical Advisory Committee

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### Requested Action

Southwest Transit requests an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add its transit mobility hub (TRS-TCMT-22F).

### Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add Southwest Transit's transit mobility hub (TRS-TCMT-22F).

### Summary

The requested action involves adding the Regional Solicitation-funded Southwest Transit mobility hub to the 2023-2026 TIP. The Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of this streamlined TIP amendment request.

### Background and Purpose

SouthWest Transit's Mobility Hub project was funded in the 2018 Regional Solicitation. The project will address first- and last-mile travel within the SouthWest Transit service area using on-demand service as well as shared-use mobility options. This requested action is to add the project to the 2023-2026 TIP as an FTA project. It was originally programmed as an FHWA project in 2022 in the 2022-2025 TIP and needs to be added to the new TIP for the project to be completed.

This TIP amendment request is to be reflected in the 2023-2026 TIP, which is yet to be approved. The Council will consider the amendment request following federal approval of the 2023-2026 TIP.

### 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 federal and local 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 September 7, 2022, meeting the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add Southwest Transit's transit mobility hub.

## Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Scheduled / Completed
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	September 7, 2022
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	September 21, 2022
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	TBD*
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	TBD*

\*The request will be provided to the Transportation Committee following United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) approval of the 2023-2026 TIP.



Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

Seq #	Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
TBD	2022 2023	M	Transit	TRS-TCMT-22F	METC-MT	Southwest Transit Mobility Hub in Eden Prairie	0.00

Prog	Type of Work	Prop funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	FTA \$	Other \$
Transit	Transit	CMAQ	4,958,280	<del>3,672,800</del>	3,672,800	1,285,480

**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 action is to add this FTA transit project into the 2023-2026 TIP. It was originally programmed with FHWA CMAQ funds in 2022 in the 2022-2025 TIP. The MNDOT-to-FTA transfer was completed on 4/5/2022 and TIP modification was completed 8/19/2022 for this same action in the 2022-2025 TIP. The scope remains the same.

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

Now that these funds are FTA-CMAQ, they have the budget authority for this fiscal-year shift. 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 X
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

\*Exempt Project Category T-8. Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g., rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals and ancillary structures) per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

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 Project Location

-Southwest transit Mobility Hub in Eden Prairie

