

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

Date: May 9, 2023

Action Transmittal: 2023-29

Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit Fare Collection Equipment and Expansion

To: Transportation Advisory Board

From: Technical Advisory Committee

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Requested Action

Metro Transit requests an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to increase the cost of its bus and rail fare collection capital equipment project.

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to increase the cost of Metro Transit's bus and rail fare collection capital equipment project.

Background and Purpose

This amendment is needed to increase funds for a fare collection equipment project in fiscal year 2023 (SP # TRF-TCMT-23L). Metro Transit is implementing a cubic fare collection system upgrade, which costs in excess of the 2023 funds anticipated to be spent at the time the original TIP was drafted (December 2021/early January 2022). This amendment will add an additional \$5,466,550 in local funding to the existing project.

Relationship to Regional Policy

Federal law requires that all TIP amendments meet the following tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to recommend TIP amendments to the Council for adoption, provided these 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 requests meet fiscal constraint because the state, federal, and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects. This amendment and the projects contained herein are 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.

Committee Comments and Actions

At its May 3, 2023, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to increase the cost of its bus and rail fare collection capital equipment project.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	May 3, 2023
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	May 17, 2023
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	May 22, 2023
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	May 24, 2023



Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the costs of these projects for fiscal year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

	Increase	Decrease
Seq#	TBD	TBD
State Fiscal Year	2023	2023
ATP/Dist	M	M
Route System	Transit	Transit
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-TCMT-23L	TRF-TCMT-23AE
Agency	Met Council	Met Council
Description	Sect 5307: Twin Cities met Council MT bus and rail fare collection capital equipment, hardware and software replacement and expansion	Sect 5307: Twin Cities Met Council MT bus acquisition
Miles	0.0	0.0
Prog	Transit (TR)	Urbanized area formula (B9)
Type of Work	Transit	Transit
Prog Funds	FTA	FTA
Total \$	1,800,024 29,132,774	89,595,511 62,262,761
FTA \$	1,440,019 23,306,219	71,676,409 49,810,209
Other \$	360,005 5,826,555	17,919,102 12,452,552

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 shift funds from TRF-TCMT-23AE to TRF-TCMT-23L to accommodate these cost changes as bus purchases are much lower than anticipated in FY 2023. This action would increase funds for fare collection equipment in state fiscal year 2023. Metro Transit is implementing a Cubic Fare Collection System Upgrade, which has costs well in excess of the 2023 TIP funds anticipated to be spent at the time the original TIP was drafted (December 2021/early January 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 *

*The Metropolitan Council has sufficient FTA 2023 5307 and local match funds to pay the full cost of this project. We are shifting funds from another project that needs less funds. 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 November 18, 2020, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.