

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee Meeting Date: January 15, 2025

Date: January 8, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2025-04

Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT’s Section 5310 Bus Purchases

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

MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add six new projects to purchase a total of 15 transit vehicles.

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend approval of an amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP to add six new projects to purchase a total of 15 transit vehicles.

Background and Purpose

MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add six new projects:

- Purchase two expansion mini vans for Lifework Services (SP# TRF-0117-25A)
- Purchase three expansion mini vans for Midwest Special Services (SP# TRF-0260-25A)
- Purchase four expansion mini vans for RISE (SP# TRF-1767-25A)
- Purchase one expansion mini vans for DARTS (SP# TRF-2428-25A)
- Purchase two expansion mini vans for Newtrax (SP# TRF-9056-25B)
- Purchase three expansion mini vans for TSE (SP# TRF-9132-25A)

These six new projects are funded through the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (FTA Section 5310). Each new project is funded with 80% federal funds and 20% local funds.

This program (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides formula funding to states and designated recipients to meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs.

These six new projects are not funded through the Regional Solicitation.

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.

Staff Analysis

The TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal 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.

Committee Comments and Actions

At its January 8, 2025, meeting the Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of an amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP to add six new projects to purchase a total of 15 transit vehicles.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Date Scheduled)
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	January 8, 2025
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	<i>January 15, 2025</i>
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	<i>January 27, 2025</i>
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	<i>February 12, 2025</i>



2025-2028 TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST

Please amend the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the below project.

Project Identification

Seq #	NA
Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-0117-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: LIFEWORK SERVICES, INC. - 2 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	180,000
FTA \$	144,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	36,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This formal amendment is needed to add a new fiscal year 2025 FTA project into the 2025-28 TIP/STIP.

Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

Federal funds in the amount of \$144,000 are provided by the FTA Section 5310 grant request and will use the 2025 apportionment, which is sufficient to fund this project. 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.

2025-2028 TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST

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Project Identification

Seq #	NA
Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-0260-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC- 3 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	270,000
FTA \$	216,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	54,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This formal amendment is needed to add a new fiscal year 2025 FTA project into the 2025-28 TIP/STIP.

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Federal funds in the amount of \$216,000 are provided by the FTA Section 5310 grant request and will use the 2025 apportionment, which is sufficient to fund this project. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

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Seq #	NA
Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-1767-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: RISE INC - 4 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	360,000
FTA \$	288,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	72,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This formal amendment is needed to add a new fiscal year 2025 FTA project into the 2025-28 TIP/STIP.

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Federal funds in the amount of \$288,000 are provided by the FTA Section 5310 grant request and will use the 2025 apportionment which is sufficient to fund this project. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

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Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-2428-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: DARTS - 1 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	90,000
FTA \$	72,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	18,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This formal amendment is needed to add a new fiscal year 2025 FTA project into the 2025-28 TIP/STIP.

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Federal funds in the amount of \$72,000 are provided by the FTA Section 5310 grant request and will use the 2025 apportionment which is sufficient to fund this project. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

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Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-9056-25B
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: NEWTRAX INC - 2 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	180,000
FTA \$	144,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	36,000

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Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-9132-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: TSE, INC. - 3 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	270,000
FTA \$	216,000
State \$	NA
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