

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2012-22

**DATE:** April 19, 2012  
**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** TAC Funding & Programming Committee  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment Request for FTA Section 5310 Projects for Transportation for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities.  
**MOTION:** That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that adds projects selected by Mn/DOT to receive FTA Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program funds.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** Mn/DOT's Office of Transit conducts a solicitation and evaluates projects submitted for transportation for elderly and persons with disabilities projects. These projects are mostly for buses for dial-a-ride type service. The projects are listed in the TIP amendment letter. The solicitation for these funds is out of synch with the adoption of the TIP so every year, a TIP amendment is required to add these projects into the TIP. This is new money and is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Additional background material is attached.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program 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 according to these four requirements.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 19, 2012
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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March 21, 2012

Karl Keel, Chair  
TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
Metropolitan Council  
390 N. Robert St.  
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RE: Amendment to the Minnesota 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
State Project Number: 2012 FTA Section 5310 Projects  
Federal Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following new projects in SFY 2012 of the STIP. The project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

*Please see list of projects on page 4.*

**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).

Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program, is funded by FTA through MnDOT's Office of Transit. FTA guidelines require the State to establish criteria for selection of projects. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria and are evaluated for conformance with program criteria by the MnDOT 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/STIP development and in

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order for the agencies to purchase their vehicles in SFY 2012 an amendment is needed to identify them in the current TIP.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money – FTA 5310 Operating Funds\*   X\*    
(Discretionary, Special Allocations or Other New Funding Sources)
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment  
of other projects
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP  
target
- Other

\*These funds are in addition to regular target formula funds. Therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009. The amendment is also consistent with the 2030 Policy Plan update adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 with conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination.....
- Exempt from regional level analysis\*.....   YES
- Exempt from project level analysis\*.....   YES
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation\*.....
- 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

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We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-234-7788.

Sincerely,



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cc: James Andrew, Metropolitan Council  
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Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Management  
Trudi Gustad, MnDOT Office of Transit

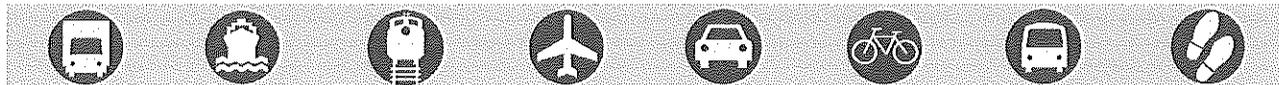
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## LIST OF PROJECTS

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES	PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$	AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
	2012	M	BB	TRF-3312-12	Ecumen	Section 5310 - Ecumen- Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
	2012	M	BB	TRF2428-12	DARTS	Section 5310 - DARTS - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
	2012	M	BB	TRF-0111-12	Mpls Indian Center	Section 5310 - Mpls Indian Center - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
	2012	M	BB	TRF-9058-12	Choice	Section 5310 - Choice - Class 300 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$58,000	0	0	\$46,400	0	\$11,600	T-10
	2012	M	BB	TRF0755-12	White Bear Lake	Section 5310 -White Bear Lake Senior Center- Class 300 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$58,000	0	0	\$46,400	0	\$11,600	T-10
	2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12A	New Traxs	Section 5310 - NewTrax (Merrick) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10

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2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12B	New Traxs	Section 5310 -NewTraxs (Merrick) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12C	New Traxs	Section 5310 -NewTraxs (Merrick) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12D	New Traxs	Section 5310 NewTraxs (Phoenix) Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12E	New Traxs	Section 5310 - NewTraxs (Phoenix) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12F	New Traxs	Section 5310 - NewTraxs (Phoenix) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-1567-12	PRISM	Section 5310 - PRISM Express - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-0015-12	MRCI	Section 5310 -MRCI Rosemount Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-0890-12	Proact	Section 5310 - Proact - Eagan Bus - Class 500 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$118,000	0	0	\$94,400	\$23,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-0836-12A	North East Contemporary	Section 5310 -NorthEast Contemporary Bus - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	\$13,600	T-10

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	2012	M	BB	TRF-0836-12B	North East Contemporary	Section 5310 -NorthEast Contemporary - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
	2012	M	BB	TRF-0260-12A	Midwest Special Services	Section 5310 - Midwest Special Services - Apple Valley - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
	2012	M	BB	TRF-0260-12B	Midwest Special Services	Section 5310 - Midwest Special Services - Brooklyn Park - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10

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